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MR. WU'S LATEST WARNING TO CONSULAR BODY.

HINT OF ATTACK ON HONGKEW.

OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED IN CHAPEL.

KIANGWAN BATTLE ALSO RESUMED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Feb. 25, 11.01 a.m.

FIERCE FIGHTING was renewed this morning on the Kiangwan and Chapel fronts, the Japanese commencing the offensive at Kiangwan and the Chinese taking the initiative in the vicinity of the North Station.

It is learned from reliable quarters that a large Japanese cruiser is now stationed in the Yangtze bombarding the Chinese positions from the rear with its long range guns, directed by aerial observation planes.

In Chapel, street fighting is proceeding and reports have already come through to the effect that the Chinese have carried the Japanese front line of defence along the North Station salient.

Reuter cables stating that Japanese aeroplanes yesterday dropped leaflets signed by Admiral Nomura, declaring that if the Chinese troops surrender they will be well-treated but if they hold out a grim fate for them is in store.

Shanghai, Feb. 25, 7.28 a.m.

Dawn arrived on the fifth day of the Japanese offensive campaign to find all positions on all fronts unchanged, despite bitter fighting all day yesterday, hampered by swirling snows and icy North winds.

The Chinese forces fought back furiously and resisted the Japanese onslaughts successfully on all battlefronts.

CHAPEL SHELLING.

A desultory bombardment of Chapel proceeded throughout the night, and Chinese shells are falling occasionally in Hongkew and the Whangpoo River, sometimes whistling over the British Consulate.

All British ships are well removed from the danger zone.

JAPANESE EXHAUSTED.

It seems likely, according to experts, that the present stalemate on the battlefield may continue for several days.

An American military observer, in an interview with Reuter, expressed the opinion late last night that four days of heavy and unsuccessful fighting has left the Japanese troops exhausted, and in his belief, it is not very probable that their resources will be further taxed until reinforcements have arrived.

CHINESE ATTACK.

He did not imagine the likelihood of a further big offensive by the Japanese for the present, although it is possible that the situation may be reversed.

Signs are not wanting that the Chinese troops are preparing to take up the offensive in Chapel where they heavily outnumber the Japanese defenders.

The Chinese newspapers this morning report that thousands of Japanese troops landed secretly during the night, but enquiries in Japanese quarters elicited a flat denial of the report. The Japanese officials admitted, however, that reinforcements are on the way and are expected in the next day or two.

HUGE FIRE STARTED.

The China Press says that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is expected to arrive in Shanghai today in order to assist General Tsal Ting-kai.

The Japanese bombardment of Chapel during the night caused a tremendous conflagration which raged unchecked till daybreak. The Japanese have also aerially bombarded the Hungnia Railway Station on the Shanghai.

Hanchow line, a few miles from Shanghai, and the platform was partly damaged.

THREATS TO THE SETTLEMENT.

INDICATION OF ATTACK BY CHINESE.

Shanghai, Feb. 25.

It is feared that the Chinese may soon cease to observe the sanctity of the International Settlement.

Occasion for this fear is believed to lie in the latest warning addressed to the Consular Body by the Mayor, Mr. Wu Tieh-chen, in which here affirms the grounds of his previous protests against the use by the Japanese of the Settlement as a base for their operations. He objects strongly to the landing of regular troops there and the direction of hostilities from the Japanese Admiral's flagship, moored alongside the flagship.

MAYOR'S WARNING.

The Mayor declares that: "As long as the Settlement authorities prove unable to effectively restrain the Japanese from using the Settlement as a base for their operations the Chinese Government cannot be held responsible for whatever consequences follow."

He concludes by requesting the Consular Body to advise their nationals to evacuate the locality of the war-zones and requests that their Naval Commanders be notified not to station their ships near the Japanese base of operations.—Reuter.

WUCHOW DOING ITS BIT.

TO HELP COMRADES IN NORTH.

Wuchow, Feb. 22.

A printed appeal for funds to carry on the campaign against the Japanese is being circulated among residents here.

After enumerating the "misdeeds" of the Japanese, the circular goes on to appeal for funds. Students, merchants, soldiers, and men in all walks of life, as well as women, and children, are invoked to save the money they usually spend in luxuries, this money to be collected and laid aside until needed. It is expected that the appeal will result in a substantial response on the part of patriotic residents.—Our Own Correspondent.

REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF GENERAL MA CHAN-SHAN.



Sir Malcolm Campbell at Daytona, in his Bluebird II, with which he yesterday set a new world's motor land speed record.

WORLD'S MOTOR SPEED RECORD BROKEN.

CAMPBELL DOES IT AGAIN.

253.968 M. P. H!

Daytona, Feb. 24.

Sir Malcolm Campbell, the world-famous motor speed record holder, surpassed his previous best on the beach at Daytona, Florida, to-day, when his Bluebird II, slightly modified since her feat of last year, averaged 253.968 miles an hour, for the flying mile.

Few aeroplanes are capable of competing successfully with Sir Malcolm Campbell's wonder-car. The record for land-machines, as distinct from sea-planes, is less than 300 miles an hour.

He improved the previous performance of the Bluebird II to-day by over seven miles an hour, a remarkable performance bearing in mind the enormous additional power required for increasing even by even a mile an hour at such speeds.

His previous record, set on February 5 last year was 246.154 m.p.h. After this historic achievement, which earned him his knighthood, Sir Malcolm declared his certainty that the Bluebird could do even better.—Reuter.

SOVIET PLAN OF DISARMAMENT.

TO BE VOTED UPON TO-DAY.

London, Feb. 24.

The chief British delegate, Sir John Simon, at the General Commission of the Disarmament Conference at Geneva this afternoon, urged that the draft Convention prepared after five years' work by the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, be used as the framework for discussions.

The proposal was supported by the representatives of France, America, Germany and Italy. The Soviet delegate asked the Commission first to vote on the proposals for complete disarmament. This vote will be taken to-morrow.—British Wireless.

Japan's Reply.

London, Feb. 24.

The Japanese reply to the appeal of the League of Nations declares that the Japanese Government cannot recognize China as "an organized people" in the sense of the League Covenant, and suggests the setting up of a safety zone round Shanghai.—British Wireless.

U.S. NAVAL THREAT TO JAPAN.

VITAL CHANGE IN POLICY FORESHADOWED.

Washington, Feb. 25.

"One of the most important pronouncements of United States' foreign policy in the past ten years," is the comment of the *New York Evening Post* upon a letter written by Mr. H. L. Stimson to Senator Borah.

The letter is held to indicate that upon an acceptable solution of the Sino-Japanese dispute hangs the whole policy initiated at the Washington Conference of leaving Japan the dominion of the seas in her part of the world.

It is suggested that if Japan abuses her position, the United States may abandon the above policy and build up her navy with bases in the Pacific to prevent Japan from attempting to dominate China and the immense potential market which China represents.

Indications of Congressional reaction to the naval angle of the situation is discernible in to-day's action of the Senate Naval Committee in reporting favourably on the Bill for building up the Fleet to the London Naval Treaty limits.—Reuter's American Service.

OVERSEAS AID FOR CHINA.

Air Force Highly Popular.

BRITISH EMPIRE INTEREST.

Johannesburg, Feb. 24.

Chinese residents of South Africa are not lagging behind overseas Chinese in other parts of the world in their anxiety to assist their country in the war against Japan.

Illustrating the eagerness of the Chinese here to help China in her dispute, a number of Chinese consular officials approached the well-known pilot, Lieutenant Rodwell King, asking him to give a number of Chinese pupils a week's training to enable them to fight with the Chinese Air Force.

Week Insufficient.

Lieut. Rodwell King refused because he considered that a week would be insufficient.

It is stated that another local airman is leaving next week to serve with the Chinese Air Force, while Dr. Ho Tsang, formerly a Chinese Consul-General in South Africa, is on his way to China to offer his services in a military capacity.—Reuter.

The Canadian Offer.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.

According to the Chinese Consul-General, the Chinese Government has cabled him stating that they are favourably interested in the offer of the "axed" members of the Canadian Air Force to join China in the campaign against the Japanese.

It is stated that further communications in this matter have been sent to Canada by mail. Meanwhile, the Canadian air-

BALANCING THE BUDGET.

FIRST INDICATION OF FIGURES.

London, Feb. 24.

The first of a series of Government Estimates for the next financial year, upon which the Budget to be introduced in April will be based, was issued to-day.

The document covers the Civil Estimates and the Estimates for Revenue Departments, including pensions, education, insurance and other grants, and Exchequer contributions to local revenue.

They show a reduction on last year's estimates from £409,000,000 to £402,028,105. The actual reduction on the Civil Estimates exceeds nine million pounds, but an increase in estimated expenditure by revenue departments gives the reduction as above.

The principal reductions are on education £5,468,701, roads £4,250,000, and Pensions Ministry £2,795,200.—British Wireless.

AMENDMENT TO TARIFF BILL.

BUT BRINGING NO RELIEF.

London, Feb. 24.

Hemp has been removed from the free list under the Import Duties Bill.

An amendment to this effect was moved in the House of Commons to-day, accepted by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and passed by 317 votes to 71.—Reuter.

men are meeting with the object of drafting detailed proposals and fitting out planes, though it is doubtful whether they will be permitted to leave the country.

NANKING SENSATION.

CHINA'S "HERO" OF NONNI RIVER AND TSITSIHAR.

Nanking, Feb. 25.

GENERAL MA CHAN-SHAN, the hero of the Nonni River and Tsitsihar battles, whose activities have puzzled both Japanese and Chinese in the last three months, is reported to have been assassinated.

A report reaching the Nanking Foreign Office from Harbin declares that Ma Chan-shan, who sprang into world prominence in a few days by the resistance which he offered to the Japanese first at Nonni River and later at Tsitsihar, has been murdered.

NOT CONFIRMED.

The report has not been confirmed from other sources, but the possibility has not been overlooked.

Ma Chan-shan, from being a national hero, has fallen low in the public esteem when he called up General Tamon, the diminutive Japanese commander who defeated him, and is reported to have expressed regret for having caused him "inconvenience."

He was again in Mukden recently, at a banquet given by General Honjo, though his refusal to stay caused further speculation.

"PATRIOTS' CRIME?"

It is believed in Nanking that if he has actually been assassinated, his assailant may have been some Chauvinist disgusted with his association with the Japanese military leaders after his first indications of loyalty to China.—Reuter.

THE WHEAT QUOTA PROPOSALS.

GUARANTEED PRICE INCLUDED.

London, Feb. 24.

The Government's Wheat Quota Bill, published to-day, aims at providing a secure market and enhanced prices for home-grown wheat of millable quality without a subsidy from the Exchequer and without encouraging the extension of wheat cultivation to unsuitable land.

The guaranteed price is to be 45/- per quarter of 804 pounds. A secure market is provided by imposing on millers a contingent obligation to purchase the stocks of home-grown millable wheat remaining unsold at the end of the cereal year.

The Bill sets up a Wheat Commission for the general administration of the scheme, and particularly to decide the quantity of home-grown wheat which millers will require, and a Flour Millers' Corporation to discharge any obligations imposed on the millers respecting unsold wheat.—British Wireless.

PREMIER LEAVES FOR SOUTH.

TO RECUPERATE AFTER OPERATION.

London, Feb. 24.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by his daughter, Isabel, left London by car to-day for the South West England, where he will have a short holiday to recuperate after the recent operations.—British Wireless.



General Ma Chan-shan, whose assassination has been reported to the Nanking Foreign Office.

CHINESE NOTE TO JAPAN.

INDEPENDENCE OF TACHUNG.

Nanking, Feb. 25.

The Foreign Office has lodged two protests with Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Minister to China, one against the independence movement in Manchuria and the other against the aerial attack on the Soochow air base.

The Note says that if the independence movement, which Japan is encouraging, materializes, Japan will be held responsible.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Feb. 25.

A message from Mukden states that the Executive Council of the new Manchurian Government, in the presence of Pu Yi (Hsuan Tung, the ex-Emperor), decided that the new State adopt a republican form of government, with a temporary Chief Executive. The decision will be formally announced to-day.—Reuter.

British Attitude.

London, Feb. 24.

Captain Eden, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the Commons, replying to a question regarding the declaration at Mukden of an independent state consisting of the four North-Eastern provinces of China, said that an Administrative Council had had been formed to formulate the details of the organization and the constitution of the new government.

Since the declaration had been made by the local Chinese authorities, there appeared to be no ground for action by the British Government under the Nine Power Treaty.

On another question, he said he did not think any further Note, even if addressed to both China and Japan, would serve any useful purpose.

The British Government had already made their position sufficiently clear and the Japanese Government had given a definite assurance that they had no territorial ambitions and would uphold the principle of the Open Door.—British Wireless.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

VILLA AND LINCOLN WINNERS.

London, Feb. 24.

Three postponed English League matches, played on to-day, resulted as follows:

First Division: Aston Villa 2, Wolves 1; Derby County 2, Tottenham 1; Lincoln City 2, Grimsby 1.

Second Division: Notts County 2, Southend 1; Reading 2, Luton 1; Barnsley 2, Gillingham 1.

Third Division (North): Huddersfield 2, Bradford City 1; Doncaster 2, York City 1; Halifax 2, Burnley 1.

Third Division (South): Exeter City 2, Torquay 1; Dagenham 2, Leyton 1; Dover 2, Maidstone 1.

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PUBLIC MONEY.

VOTES FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO-DAY.

Votes to be recommended to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-day call for a total sum of \$58,418, of which the biggest item is \$30,000 for water meters in Kowloon. This however, is only an adjustment of the 1931 Estimates. It is explained that a sum of \$60,000 was approved to supplement P.W.R. Hongkong Sub-head 6 Item 3 Water Account (Meters). This was incorrect as only \$30,000 should have been voted for Hongkong and the balance should have been allocated to Kowloon. It is requested that out of the \$60,000 voted for Hongkong the sum of \$30,000 may be debited as above as the meters are required for Kowloon and New Kowloon and have been issued accordingly. Of the balance of \$28,418, the sum of \$26,333 represents the recent anti-Japanese riots, viz: Postal censorship \$ 540 Hire of lorries 180 Expanded metal garages for certain Police Stations 2,905 Sundry expenses 52 Allowances to Police Reserve 2,692 Allowances to Volunteers 804 Expenditure by Naval Authorities 2,636 Expenditure by Military Authorities 2,237 Travelling Expenses including motor bus and car hire 7,306 Board and lodgings for guards, meals and refreshments 1,951 Sundry expenses 495 Contingencies 1,879

Other Items.
Harbour Department. Conveyance and Motor allowances \$1,600.
One of the recommendations of the Committee appointed by Government to enquire into the sufficiency of other Government launches was that one launch from the Government Marine Surveyor's Department should be laid up, and that the number of Conveyance Allowances to Assistant Government Marine Surveyors should be increased from six to ten. These allowances are \$480 per annum each.

To pay these four additional allowances for the period 1.3.32 to 31.12.32, the sum of \$1,600 is required.

The immediate saving in a full year from the laying up of the launch will be \$5,363.
It is proposed to review the position after twelve months.
Harbour Department Special Expenditure. New Water Boat for Tai O Station \$375.
The Tai O Station Water Boat, built in 1927, is now unserviceable early last year. An old discarded sampan was sent out in its place, and that has now become unserviceable.

The estimated cost of a new boat required for that Station is \$375 for which application is now submitted. This expenditure was approved in 1931, F.M. 13, Item 112 of 1931 but too late for the work to be carried out before the end of the financial year.

Public Works. Extraordinary Garage, Arbuthnot Road \$910.
A sum of \$5,000 was included in the 1931 Estimates (H.B. 1, S.H.24) for this work. An amendment in the design was made which raised the tender to \$5,850. The work was commenced in October but could not be completed by the end of the year. It is now practically completed and a vote is requested to meet the final accounts and retention money.

Secretariat for Chinese Affairs: 1. Personal Emoluments. Salary of Chinese Writer for 1932 \$1,900. The post of Chinese Writer in the S.C.A. was left unfilled after the retirement on pension of Mr. Lau Pak-tun on 11.3.30, and no provision for filling the post was made in the 1932 Estimates as it was thought that suitable departmental arrangements could be made.

It has been found, however, that the work of the S.C.A. is

HONGKONG SNAKES.

MANY VENOMOUS SPECIES FOUND LOCALLY.

Members of the Medical Society of the Hongkong University listened with great interest to a lecture on "Snakes of Hongkong," delivered by Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz, yesterday afternoon, and afterwards were given the opportunity of examining live and preserved specimens which illustrated several of the examples mentioned by the lecturer.

Dr. Herklotz, in opening his subject, explained that it was a very large one, and that as there was no easy method of telling apart a venomous snake from a non-venomous one, it was only by knowing the species themselves, and thus avoiding confounding them with harmless varieties, that the problem of recognition could be solved. The venomous snakes of Hongkong were common to south-east China, though there might be a great range of variety of harmless species in different districts. In other parts of the eastern tropics other venomous species might also occur, and it would be well worth the time spent if a doctor from Hongkong, who went to Singapore, learned to recognise the venomous species of Malaya in addition.

Snakes Cannot Cry.

The Reptilia, said the lecturer, was the highest developed class of the cold blooded vertebrates, and included the crocodiles, turtles and allies, lizards and snakes. In describing some of the peculiarities of the snake, Dr. Herklotz said that a snake cannot cry, or rather that it cannot shed tears except through its nose, for the tears were drained off into the nasal cavities along special ducts. The nose was well developed and the sense of smell was acute. The tongue was harmless and should not be, as it often was, confused with the fangs. Swallowing might take hours, as it was a process of getting outside the food. It was well to remember that a snake had no hands or paws with which to force food into its mouth.

Snakes were intelligent, but most of them were of a morose disposition and did not care for company, even of other snakes, and therefore did not make good pets.

Late Governor's Experience.

The most primitive living family of snakes, the Typhlopidae was fortunately represented in Hongkong, while the Python was also an inhabitant. Sir Cecil Clementi, late Governor of the Colony, once told him that at Shek O, he saw a python that had swallowed a deer.

The doctor made reference to the eight non-venomous species of Colubrine which occur locally, and added there were others which were not so common. The rest of the snakes he would mention were venomous, and included the Naja Cobra, which was common in Hongkong and the New Territories. He had secured specimens from Victoria Peak, High West, Aberdeen, Stanley Peninsula, Stonecutters' Island, Kowloon foot hills and Tai Po. A specimen over three feet in length was rare in Hongkong. Generally, young cobras were much more savage than the adult, the young ones being inexperienced, while the older ones knew it was wise to move away from man. The local name was Farn Taarn Tau, meaning the head of a wooden rice spoon, and was a snake well known to the Chinese who valued its gall highly. The gall bladder must

be carefully handled with the absence of a writer with the special qualifications necessary for this work.

The officer for whose appointment financial provision is now sought will in addition to his duties as writer share in the work of press censorship, thus effecting the retrenchment of one of the censors hitherto employed.

M.C.L. CHARITIES.

BRIDGE, MAHJONG AND TEA DANCE.

The Victoria and Kowloon Branches of the H.K.W.G. and M.C.L. Charities are holding a bridge (contract and auction) and a mahjong party on the first floor and a tea dance on the roof garden of the Hongkong Hotel (by kind permission of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.) on Tuesday, March 8 from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Tables may be booked for bridge and mahjong, for which separate prizes will be awarded. Lady Peel has very kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the function. Tickets \$2 each include tea. The Hotel band will play for the tea dance.

During the afternoon a football, signed by many distinguished people and presented by Mr. Tang Shu-kin, will be auctioned.

Tips on Treatment.
After making references to the various other varieties of venomous snakes found locally, Dr. Herklotz said that treatment with a specific anti-venom was the only certain remedy, but none was available locally. Mixtures for the Colubrine and the Viperine groups were prepared in Batavia, Bangkok and Manila, and he thought a supply should be kept in Hongkong.

For emergency treatment he advised the following.—Apply a tourniquet immediately above the wound (not to be left on for more than one hour), then make a deep incision in the wound with a razor blade and rub in Potassium permanganate crystals, and take the dead snake to the nearest doctor at the double. Do not take alcohol in large quantities. There were several treatments which the qualified doctor could carry out. Injection of adrenalin or pituitrin, and injections of lime water to decrease the permeability of the blood vessels to encourage clotting and to counteract the de-clotting properties of the venom. The treatment was different for different snakes, so anyone bitten was strongly advised to take the snake to the doctor. It was not for him to tell doctors or medical students how to treat snake bites, but if he could ever help them in the identification of a specimen he would be delighted to be of assistance.

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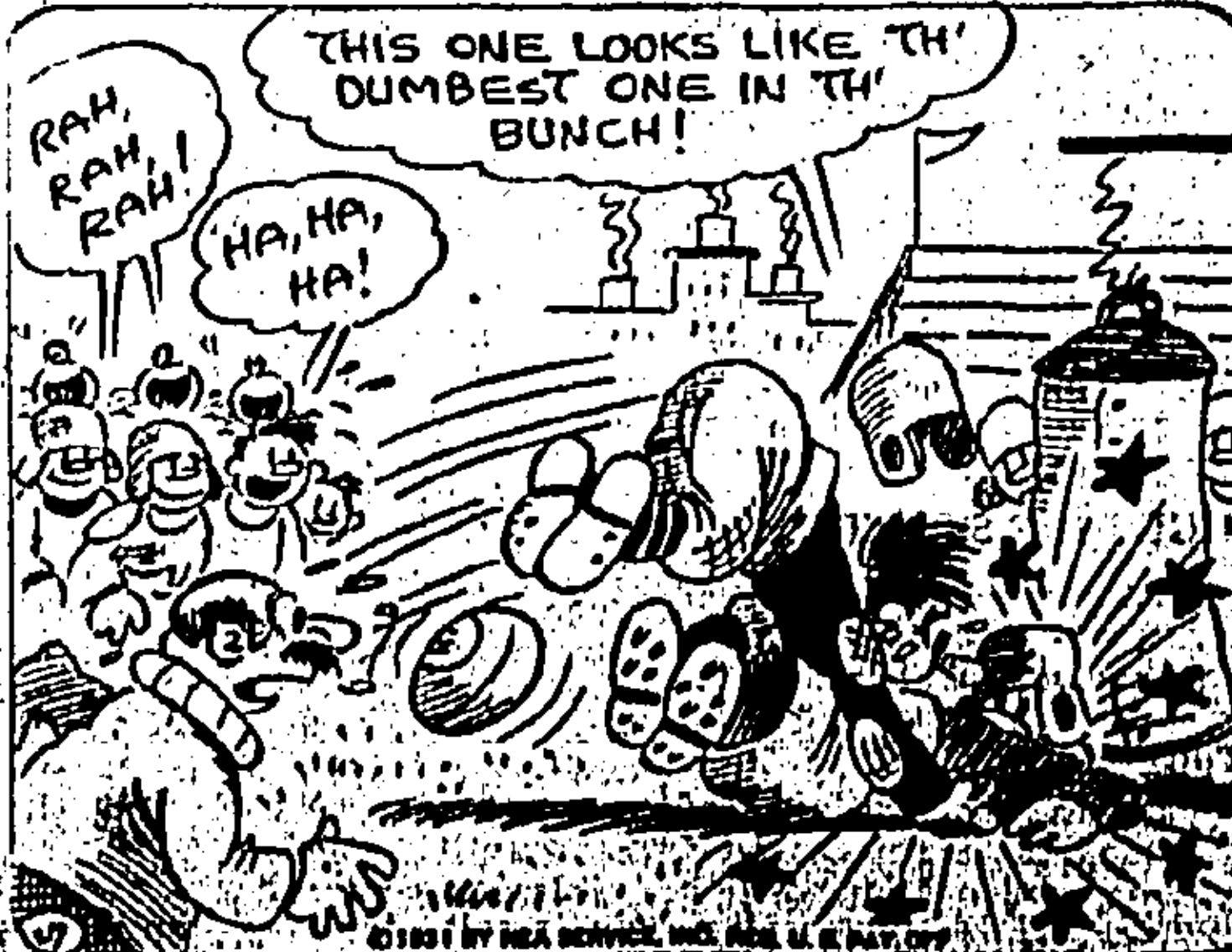
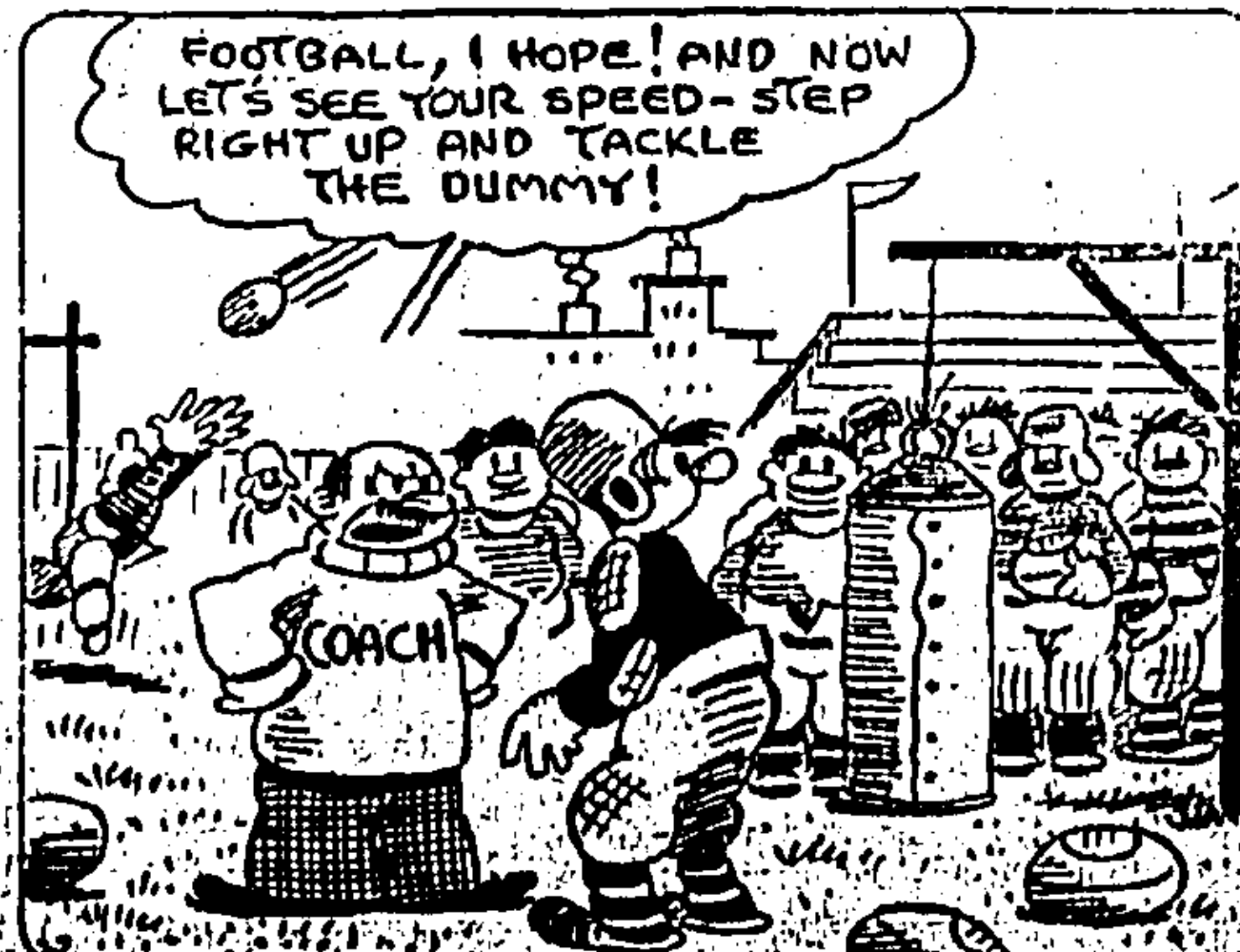
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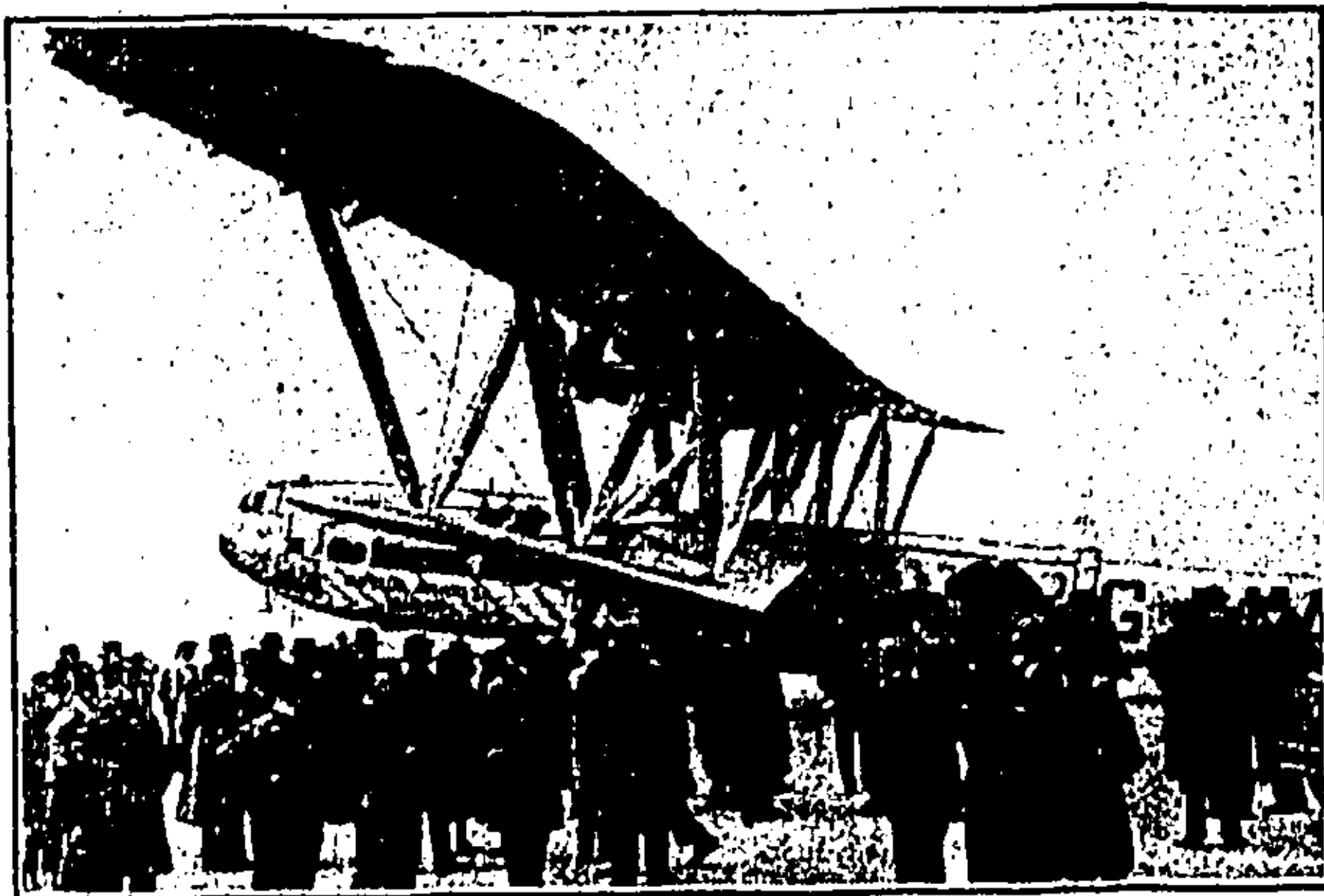
BERKSHIRE CHILDREN RIDE TO HOUNDS: GUARDSMAN MARRIED.



A children's meet of the South Berks Hunt at Wall Barn Farm, near Moulsham. Picture shows hounds and field moving off to draw the first covert.



Captain J. Lascelles and Miss Betty Manners were married at the Guards chapel on Jan. 25, when the above picture was taken.—(Times copyright).



The scene at Croydon at the inauguration of the Air Mail to the Cape. The air liner Liffonia is seen shortly before its start on the first stage.—(Times copyright).



General Franz von Epp, mentioned as Hitler's nominee for the Presidency. Hitler has now decided to try himself.



Mr. Oliver Wendell Holmes is pictured above (left) attending the opening of the 72nd Congress. He will be 91 years of age in March, the oldest man ever to sit on the U. S. Supreme Court bench.

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Anne, Cecily and Mary-Frances Fenwick live with their grandparents since Cecily's earnings support the household. The granddaughters are known respectively as "Rosie" and "Grand" and they insist on keeping up pretences of their former wealth.

Anne, 24, and Cecily, 22, do secretarial work and Mary-Frances, 16, is still in school. When the story opens Anne has been engaged to Philip Ecdry, young lawyer, for eight years. They can not marry because Anne knows her sisters and grandparents depend on her to manage their home.

Cecily brings Harry McKel home to dinner with her. She is falling in love with him. Mary-Frances and her friend, Ermintrude, are excited about the arrival of a stock company actor known as Earl DeArmount. They meet him on the street and he speaks to them. Mary-Frances is thrilled, agrees to meet him that night after the performance.

Phil telephone Anne, asking her to go on a picnic. She refuses because it is her night to cook at home. Phil, annoyed, takes Letty King, a fling clerk, on the picnic.

CHAPTER XIV.

Cecily owned but one pair of evening slippers—spike heeled, pearl narrow things of black satin with tiny imitation cut-steel buckles—but unfortunately they were a size too small for Mary-Frances. She had put them on at nine o'clock. She dared not take them off for fear she could not crowd them on again, and they pinched her tiptoes cruelly and did burning things to her heels as she crept, each step a fluttering trepidation, each squeaking board cold panic absolute, through the long upper hall, past Grand's and Rosalie's door, past the bathroom, past Ann's door with its frightening streak of light, past Cecily's room, and the east spare rooms and the west spare rooms, and went stealthily limping down the back stairway.

She and Ermintrude had decided earlier in the evening that an "etheral" effect was more important than conventional, fashionable attire, and since her last summer's white dresses were each of them several inches too short ("How that child does grow!") she wore the White Grecian robes that she had worn for her solo dance in parents' assembly, and an old white chiffon scarf of Rosalie's, long discarded, was strung about her shoulders.

All during the evening, until the past half hour, Mary-Frances had been composing speeches for herself and for Earl—though chiefly for Earl. The slippers had brought praises of fair-foot and parts of that poem which Rosalie sometimes repeated: "Sweet thou hast trod on a heart"—empty, empty, something or other—women, finishing obsequiously, "Women as fair as thou art must do such things now and then."

Not that Mary-Frances intended treading on hearts, now or over. Her views concerning women who did such things, heartless

flirts and coquettes, were bitterly derogatory. But, of course, it could easily turn out that it had had all been a terrible mistake and misunderstanding, and that the lady had not really trod on a heart at all. The heart, while its ravaged edges had been reverently kissed, had produced no reference to angels and things high above—the type of womanhood most approved by Mary-Frances. But, for the past half-hour, all that had been put aside, and forgotten. Mary-Frances had become possessed of but one purpose and one resolve: to get to the walnut tree five minutes after half-past 10 to keep those pretty slippers on if they killed her.

She kept the slippers on, teetering tortuously on the high heels down the gravelled driveway. She reached the walnut tree at precisely 25 minutes to 11.

Earl was there. Earl was waiting for her under the walnut tree. An astonishment in itself, without the additional bewilderment of finding a new Earl, an impetuous, whispering person, who said, "Aw, you sweet baby, you," and captured her icy trembling hands and held them firmly while she responded with only an odd, low, croaking sound.

"What's the matter, baby? You're shaking all over. I wouldn't hurt you for the world—see?"

"I never did think you'd hurt me," she replied with a choice little dignity. "I—I guess I'm just kind of nervous or something."

"Excited to see me, baby?" He kept hold of her hands and began drawing her closer and closer to him.

It was cold, and his arms and woolly coat felt nice and warm; there was an enticing odor, like passing a barber shop, with an added whiff of wintergreen, and Mary-Frances said, "No man ever kissed me on my lips before." It was not a boast, nor was it an accusation. It was a statement of circumstance made more to herself than to Earl.

"Cripes!" he said, and his voice was husky. "Some little sweet baby. I'm crazy about you—no fooling. Crazy—see?"

Mary-Frances drew away from him. It was time now to talk. It was time now to talk. She loved him, of course; but vaguely something seemed to her feet hurt, and standing on tiptoes made them hurt worse; but that was not the trouble. Possibly there was no trouble—really. How could there be so soon, and with a great love like theirs? How could she have rather the same feeling that she'd had last Friday evening when the girl had

made a mistake and served her the vanilla parfait instead of the pineapple one she had ordered? Mr. Hill wouldn't let her send it back, because she had eaten the whipped cream off the top before she had discovered the mistake. Vanilla in place of pineapple is disappointing.

"Stingy!" he rebuked. "You aren't going to be a little stingy, are you, sweetness?"

Mary-Frances said, "Don't," and stood on her heels to ease her toes for a moment. "I guess," she added, "I'd better go back in now."

"Say! You got a date with the ice trust or something?"

"No. I just kind of thought I'd better go in now."

"Cripes! You can't go rushing off now. What was the use of me coming all the way up here? You give it another think, baby. Don't you do it. Don't you go in now."

He was beseeching her to stay. It was thrilling. "And then he beseeched me to stay," she could tell Ermintrude. Nonchalance savored with winsomeness. It sounded easy, but how exactly should she go about it? "Why do you want me to stay?" she asked.

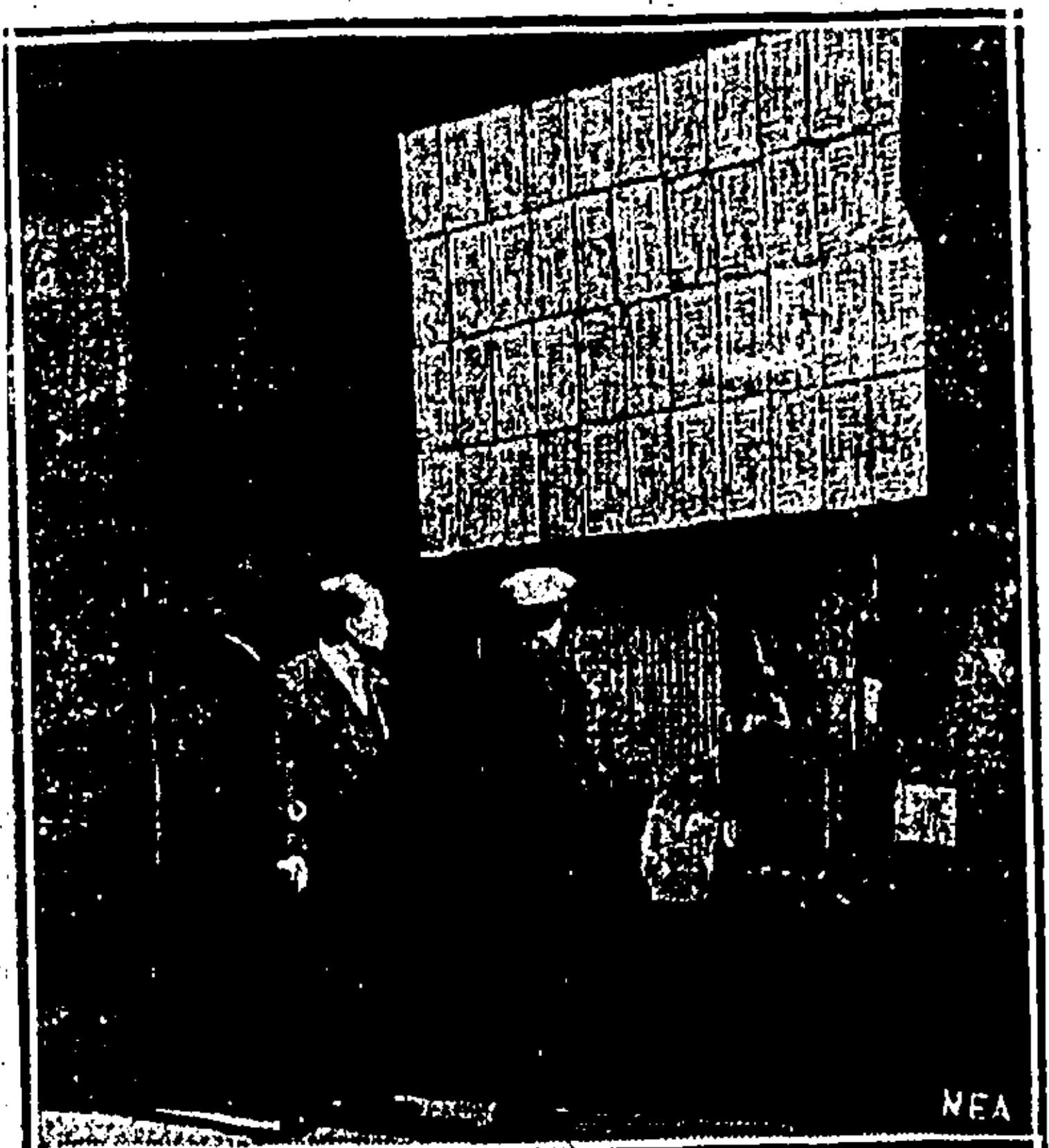
"I was just telling you, wasn't I, that I was crazy about you and all? Wasn't I, baby? And then you got stingy and go rushing off on me before we got time to make friends or anything. Just crazy about you, sweetness, that's me."

"Will you love me forever and ever?" she asked. She thought that he had told her that he loved her. Things were not disappointing any longer. She was keeping her first trust, and it was Life and Love and Living and everything.

"And how!" he vowed, and tried to kiss her again.

"Don't," said Mary-Frances.

"Aw, gee, baby!" he complained. Francis elucidated, "We can't make friends like you said, nor



This picture taken in New York recently shows Chinese reading an inflammatory notice, demanding the boycott of all Japanese products.

got acquainted nor anything."

"Snap out of it," he urged. "Say, listen, baby. We wouldn't be kissing if we wasn't friends already, would we?"

Mary-Frances pondered that for a moment. "Well—no," she admitted. "I guess what I mean is that so many things are so much more interesting than kissing."

It was Earl's turn to ponder, and he did so for a moment before he produced his first sincerity of the evening. "Cripes!" he said

"If you aren't the darnedest funny little kid!"

Ermintrude must never know. No one must ever know. It must be kept always a secret smarting in her breast like that old Spartan fox. Dignity softened with coyness? Mary-Frances had no present disposition for coyness.

"Well, Mr. DeArmount, I must say! 'If that's what you think about me, I'm glad you told me before it was too late, and we'll

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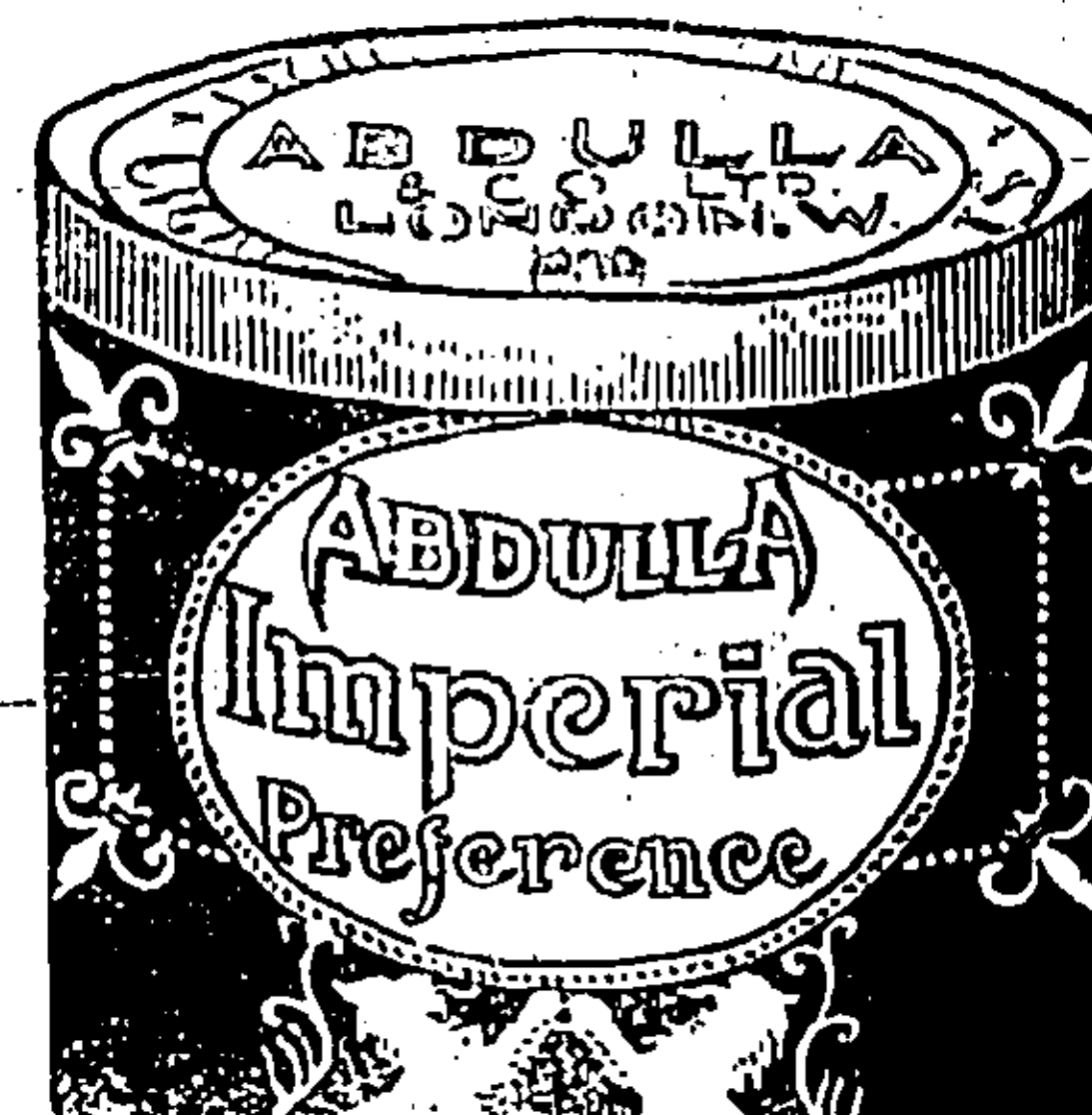
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All entries should, if possible, be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C., by noon on the day of the race and competing boats should be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. Post Entries, however, will be received.

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A launch will leave Queen's Statue Pier at 3 p.m. for the convenience of members and the general public.

R. J. VERNALL.

Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1932.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1932.

On Saturday, the 27th February, the first race will be run at 1 p.m. and the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

The (11th interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day, including tax, or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

A limited number of Tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from No. 1 Box, Telephone No. 21920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting. Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1932.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the thirty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on Wednesday, 2nd March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd February to 2nd March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

M. MANUK,

Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1932.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 10th March, 1932, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 1st March, 1932, to Thursday, the 10th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,

Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1932.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 27th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 15th February, to Saturday, the 27th February, 1932 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,

Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1932.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, the 26th day of February, 1932, when the following resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 11th day of February, 1932, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) By deletion of the words "One thousand Dollars" contained partly in the third and partly in the fourth lines of Article 96a of the Company's Articles of Association and the substitution therefor of the words "Five thousand Dollars."

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,

Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1932.

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of February, 1932, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Monday, the 29th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 18th February, to Monday, 22nd February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, 10th February, 1932.

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What at one period threatened to be a fire of considerable proportions occurred in Yaumati last night, two three-storied houses, 67 and 69 Woosung Street, being affected.

By the time the flames had been subdued the two upper floors in each house—consisting of flats—were gutted, and damage was done to the ground floors by water.

The fire appears to have originated in a bed at the rear of the first floor of No. 67. The alarm was sent out at 12.30, and fire engines from Kowloon and Mongkok stations were despatched to the scene, to find the flames had obtained a good hold. The blaze was under control within a quarter of an hour. It is understood that all the inmates had time to escape, and there were no casualties.

The ground floors were occupied by a confectioner's establishment and a carpenter's shop.

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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

The personal triumph scored by Lionel Barrymore in "A Free Soul" as the veteran criminal attorney brought a reward of more work instead of a vacation.

Bayard Veiller, noted mystery play dramatist, was working on an original story for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer when he saw Barrymore in the Norma Shearer picture and went right back to write his principal characterization so that nobody but Barrymore could play it.

The new Veiller thriller, "Gully Hands" is coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday, with Barrymore in the featured role again that of a veteran criminal attorney.

W. S. Van Dyke directed the picture with the supporting cast including Kay Francis, Madge Evans, William Bakewell, C. Aubrey Smith, Polly Moran and Alan Mowbray.

Before "A Free Soul" Barrymore devoted his efforts to directing and he was with some reluctance that he again turned actor to meet popular demand.

As the murderer in "Gully Hands" Barrymore has the pivotal role of a unique plot situation. He commits the crime in order to save his daughter from wrecking her life. When he is found out he uses all his resources to shift the blame but fate takes a hand and gives a startling twist to the dramatic climax.

"Ladies of the Big House."

Rockcliffe Fellowes, favourite of the old silent film days who staged a public comeback recently in Paramount's "The Vice Squad," starring Paul Lukas, is again cast by Paramount to enact the important role of the Big House featuring Sylvia Sydney and Gene Raymond, which is the King's Theatre feature picture today.

The picture is the story of two young lovers, who through association with gangsters find themselves framed on a charge of murder.

Fellowes has a strong part in this picture, well suited to his talents. As the politician here playing a crooked political part in cahoot with a crooked district attorney, he gives a touch of modernity to the story that will be instantly recognized by those familiar with the municipal courts of some of the large cities. He has the opportunity and the talent to give otherwise is serious, but grimly tragic for the leading characters of the drama.

In an earlier day, Fellowes played in dozens of pictures, depicting characters of many varied types, from sympathetic society husbands to predatory villains of the underworld.

Frank Sheridan, Durnell Pratt, Edna Bennett, Earle Foxe and Louise Rainer also have important roles in "Ladies of the Big House."

"Canaries Sometimes Sing."

Something near a riot was caused in the film industry by Tom Wall's statement to the effect that he did not believe in using well-worn cinema technique in regard to producing for the screen stage plays of proved success.

His contention is that if the public are thoroughly satisfied and entertained by the exact reproduction of a good stage play, why all the unnecessary trappings, such as peculiar shots, weird photography and the torturing of a straight-forward story?

Whether he is right or wrong in his methods one can judge for oneself, but this much can be stated that his first efforts, "Rookery Nook" and "On Approval" proved enormously popular, and his latest production, "Canaries Sometimes Sing," will be shown at the King's Theatre next Sunday, the film adaptation of Frederick Lonsdale's eminently successful stage play, will most assuredly be enjoyed by patrons to whom the cinema means two hours or more of real entertainment. An excellent cast in an excellent story with exquisite dialogue. What more!

"Tarzan the Tiger."

Few, if any, girls in pictures have led as adventurous a screen life as Natalie Kingston, beautiful heroine of "Tarzan the Tiger," a sound serial, in three parts, the first part is showing to-day at the Central Theatre.

Miss Kingston, the heroine of two previous Universal features, "Tarzan of the Apes" and "Pirates of Panama," has ridden on horses, camels and elephants. She has been at touch-and-go with lions, tigers, leopards, alligators and other dangerous beasts. Once she was almost battered unconscious by heavy surf.

Yet, despite the perils of serial-making, Miss Kingston declares that the constant dangers and adventures represents a strong appeal.

Frank Merrill again plays Tarzan in "Tarzan the Tiger," which is based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' sensational successful novel. "Tarzan and the Jewels of Opar." The picture was directed by Henry MacRae.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

Information has been received that the Siberian route is interrupted and the service by this route will accordingly be resumed forth with.

The Public are, however, warned that, as this Service is somewhat precarious and still liable to suspension without notice, letters will only be accepted at senders' risks. In the event of the service being again suspended all letters will be forwarded via Suez.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.

It is notified for the information of holders of Private Boxes at the General Post Office that on and after 1st February no taxed correspondence will be placed in the Boxes. A notification will be substituted at the Boxes' Lobby and there pay the amount of the Tax against the delivery of the letters or packets.

The Parcel Post Service to Shanghai and North China is fully resumed as from to-day.

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Japan	Naldora
Calcutta and Straits	Kidderpore
Manila	Yuensang
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln
Japan	D'Artagnan
Saigon	Felix Roussel
Straits	Yasukuni Maru
Japan	Haruna Maru
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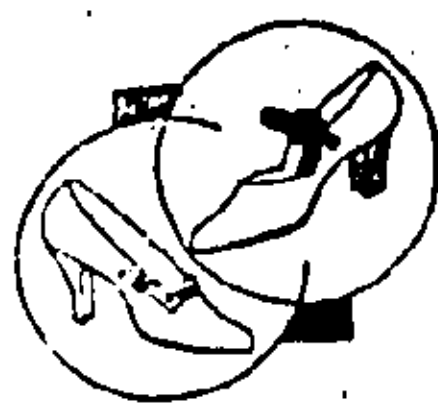
For	Date and Time.
Swatow	Hydrangea, Thur., Feb. 25, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Kayling, Thur., Feb. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Poochow	Luchow, Thur., Feb. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Samshai and Wuchow	Chung On, Thur., Feb. 25, 4 p.m.
Saigon	Shunchih, Thur., Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
Japan	Rajputana, Thur., Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Rajputana, Thur., Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Leg., Thur., Feb. 25, 6 p.m.
	Letters, Thur., Feb. 25, 6 p.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Haiyang, Fri., Feb. 26, 12.30 p.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Klungchow, Fri., Feb. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Langhia, Fri., Feb. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Naldora, Sat., Feb. 27, 8.30 a.m.
	K.P.O.
	Parcels, Sat., Feb. 26, 4.30 p.m.
	Reg., Sat., Feb. 27, 9 a.m.
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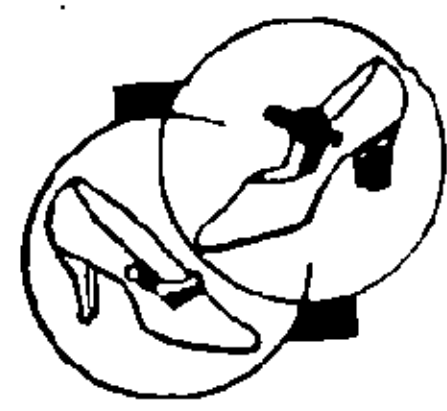
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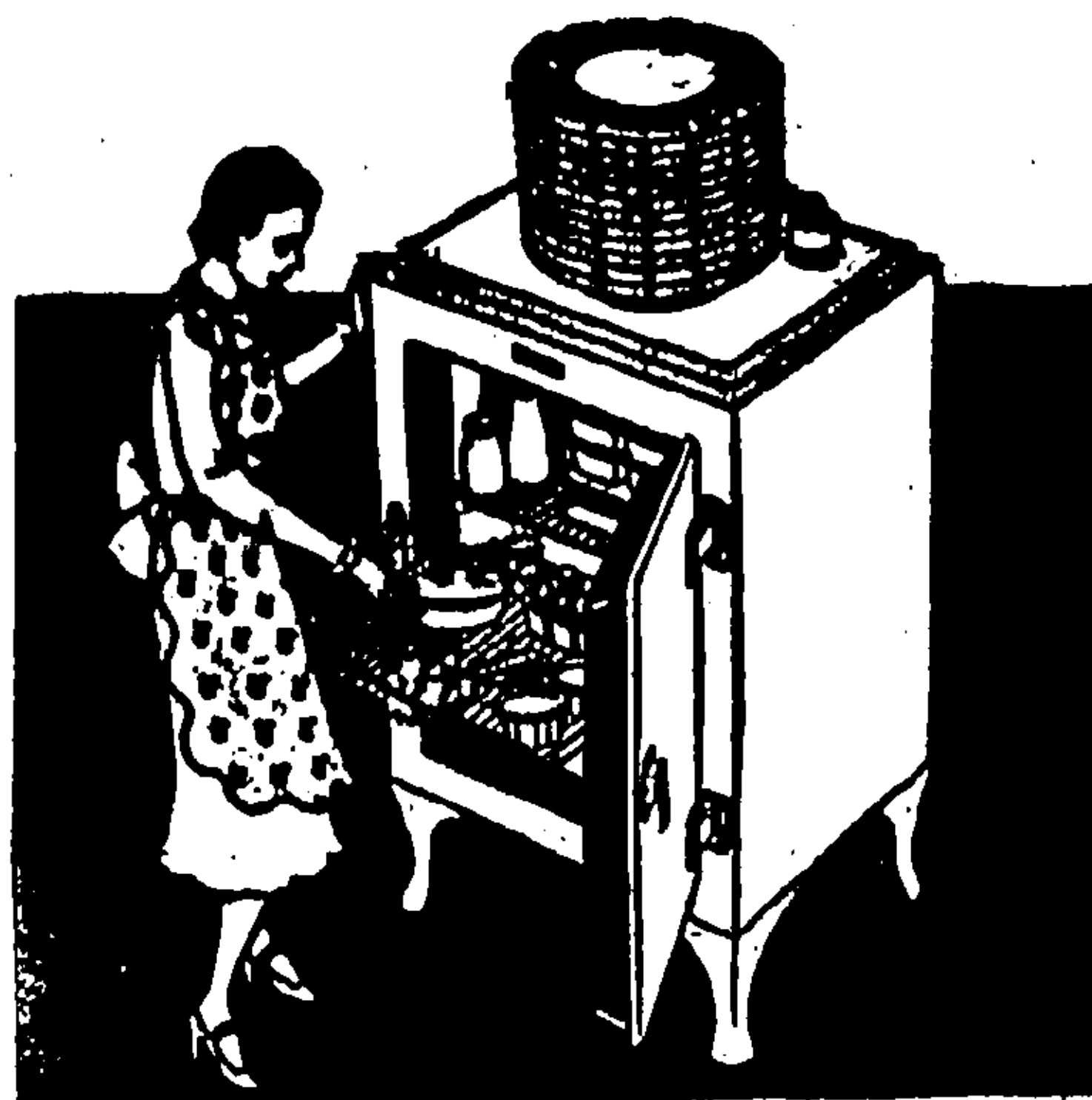
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WOMEN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

END OF THE DAY GOWNS.

GIVE FEMINITY TO NEW MODE.

(By Rosette Hargrove.)

The novelty of the season is the lace afternoon gown. With styles generally so strongly inclined to the ultra-feminine, it is not surprising that such a dainty medium as lace has come into its own again. Undaunted by the general trade depression, the French lace manufacturers have never before offered such a choice of novel ideas and every couturier has taken advantage of this opportunity.

The new dull surfaced laces made a timely appearance in connexion with the end-of-the-day gown. Few women invited to a formal afternoon function or a cocktail party relish the idea of rushing back home to change if dinner at a fashionable restaurant is to follow or if the party is prolonged into a picnic meal and bridge. An ordinary silk afternoon frock, however smart, is apt to appear a little too informal as the evening wears on, and that is why the Paris couturiers created the lace afternoon frock.

Modernity Triumphs in New Laces.
Machine-made laces can be very favourably compared to-day with any of the so-called classical hand-made laces such as Chantilly Irish lace, guipure, point d'Angleterre, needlepoint and others. While all the old-fashioned patterns are still copied, the modern offer newer designs and are equal in beauty.

Bauer, one of the leading lace manufacturers in France, created for this season a cotton lace with a shiny surface specially



A Chantal afternoon ensemble of tulle and lace.

designed for day wear. Combining the weight of cotton with the appearance of silk, this makes an ideal medium for a late afternoon frock, as it can be tailored as ordinary dress fabric.

Chantal offers a charming afternoon or informal dinner ensemble of lace and tulle combined that is proving immensely popular. It is carried out in shadow tulle that looks like applications of mousseline at a distance. The dress fits the figure closely well below the hips where a rather wide blouse is attached. Four rows of flat tulle ruching decorate the hem of the skirt, which stops well above the ankle. The top of the dress is composed of a tulle yoke with a transparent effect, slightly decollete in a square both front and back. Over this is worn a short, straight bolero with moderately wide sleeves. A formal hat of velvet trimmed with uncurled ostrich plumes completed the ensemble, which could be worn under an afternoon coat of cloth trimmed with fur or a fur coat. Without the bolero, the dress is sufficiently dressy for an informal dinner party.

Couturiers Avail Selves of Varied Laces.

Worth has an afternoon two-piece gown of silk and cotton lace in a pastel pink and Lelong shows one in the new midnight blue and two in dark brown. Patou has one in the new caroub brown.

Another of Bauer's novelties is his Angel-skin lace, dull surfaced pattern. Still another is his "velvet" lace, all silk, that looks like embossed velvet.

Wool laces in minute modernistic floral designs are used for informal afternoon frocks but more especially for blouses, sweaters and, in the larger patterns, for contrasting cuffs and collars on dark dresses.

Many informal evening gowns are fashioned of lace and tulle combined of two-coloured laces. Worth has one very successful model in a fine black lace with an emerald green lace yoke, sleeves and deep scalloped hand hemming the skirt.

Jenny has an interesting collection of afternoon gowns combining crepe de chine and lace, the latter introduced in the form of encrustations in the bodice in the form of transparent yokes, bows and intricate insertions.

Lace is an ideal fabric for the young as well as the older women. A black lace dress is always an asset. It wears well, seldom gets tired-looking and does not get old-fashioned as quickly as the more fashionable silks and velvets.

FASHION NOTES.

On Handling Trains.

The new Paris evening dresses in the formal category allow no slouching, either at the shoulders or the waistline. The weight of the body must be where your athletic instructor advised you to place it, i.e., on the ball of the foot, or every line in the evening clothes will either nod or sway.

The train must be handled expertly, both when you walk and allow it to trail on the floor behind, and when you take it in hand.

Some smart Parisiennes have been seen handling trains this season as if they had been born to it, and they seem to like the job. It is a job, with the skirts as narrow as they are this season. The compensation is found in the supreme slenderness and grace of the silhouette which has not a break in it at waist or hip-line.

Evening Gloves and Slippers.

Evening gloves, like everything else in the evening mode, go to extremes, being either very long or very short. Long gloves—10 and 18 buttoned lengths—are usually worn with formal toilettes, and short gloves with informal clothes, though there is no hard and fast rule about it.

Evening slippers this season are made of satin or brocade, rather than of crepe-de-Chine, and they are prone to elaboration, with straps, jewelled buckles, and slides and buttons as decoration.

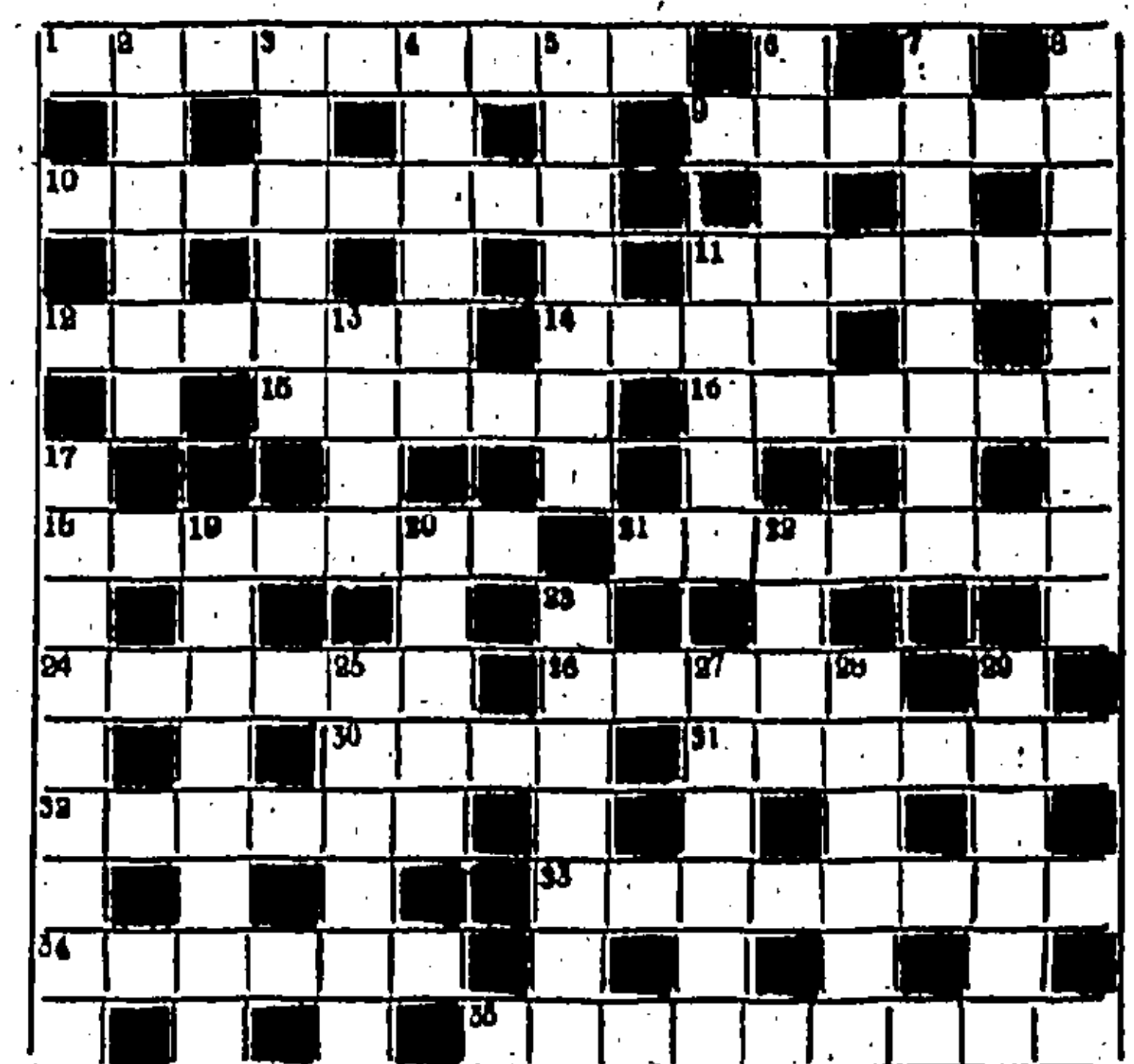
The habit of matching the slippers to the frock continues, and women also wear gold or silver brocade sandals.

New Evening Suit!



Brand new is the full-dress evening suit for women. Maggy Rouff makes the trailing skirt and short coat with puffed sleeves of dove grey velvet and the blouse of pink satin with a tiny golden floral design.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



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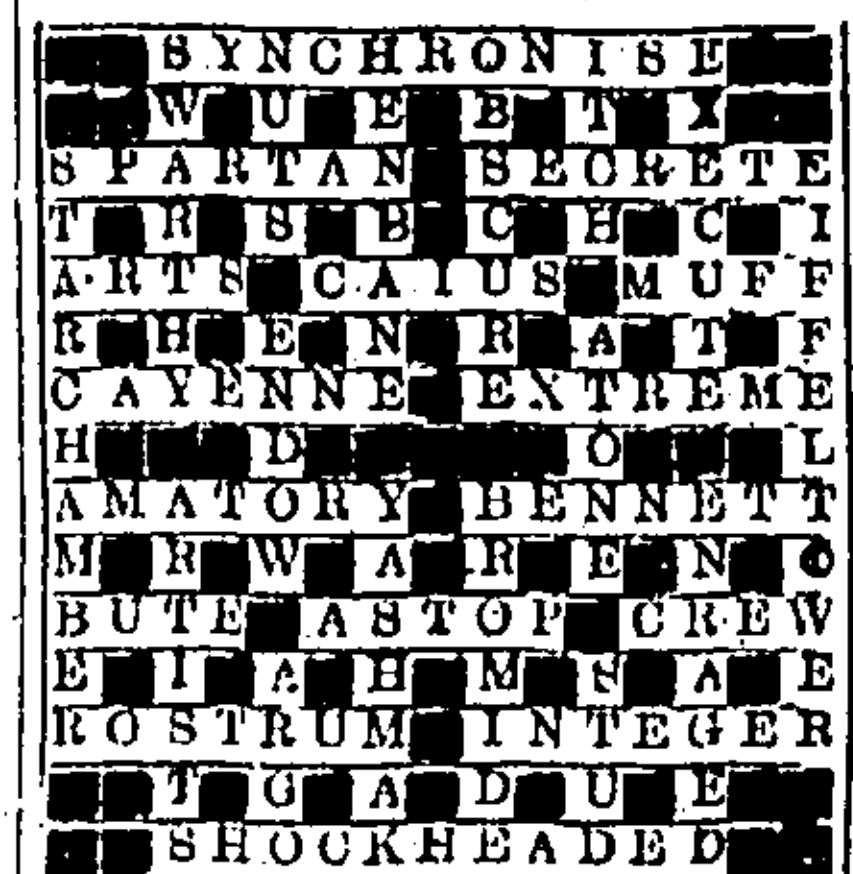
- 1 The head of this London suburb will be found on the outskirts.
- 9 What Shakespearean character says, "If music be the food of love, play on"?
- 10 Very lively, and, when Sal is there first, very soothing.
- 11 Why attack? The silly fatted isn't well.
- 12 Give nothing to the angel.
- 14 I am not—as our forefathers said (two words).
- 15 Carries considerable weight, I see, as well as being invigorating.
- 16 After five a zodiacal sign brings about changes.
- 18 The Mohammedan Bible.
- 21 He made an English Princess a Spanish Queen.
- 24 Turn back here.
- 26 I have to frighten you here.
- 30 Some good points about Eastern Europe.
- 31 First I am reminiscent of a cow, then of a bull, and, altogether, we get quite tied up.
- 32 This household may be turned into a school for horsemanship with very little effort.
- 33 To make an attempt beyond the river will result in productive labour.
- 34 Number.
- 35 Undoubtedly, the second is contained in the first, and both are essential to sound.

Down

- 2 Do a bun? There's abundance here.
- 3 A road runs for almost the entire length of this heavenly object.
- 4 Puts the minnows in the shade.
- 5 "I am race," but it might be more correct to say, "I am many races" (anag.).
- 6 You must always take a rest in the middle of the run—ridiculous though it may sound to those who know it.

- 7 Where expansion is necessary. "How's it impossible to have a—on this line?" "Well, sir, there be only one train."
- 11 Though naturally cool and not easily moved, its work tends to make it heated.
- 13 What a scowl! But with a change of head it would just be right for a game of bridge.
- 17 What is "it on my arm"? Fancy calling the bridge "it" (anag.).
- 19 It may be all very well as a bargain, but there's something not straight about the bakery.
- 20 Cavel! Look out for the insect.
- 22 Sounds a suitable game for the royal household in ancient Egypt.
- 23 Describes no dwarf. This is about all, I can say—and rather disjointed, I'm afraid.
- 25 Wrinkled—and no wonder, if it did. But I don't believe it did.
- 27 The use of this developer, far from improving the general health, has quite a negative effect.
- 28 Give Moses a bob for the crypto-currency.
- 29 This will give you a headache, and you'll come to a sinister end. (So early in the New Year, too).

Yesterday's Solution.



MACAO CHINESE.

TAKE PART IN THE CRACKER CELEBRATION.

Macao, Feb. 24.
The Chinese community at Macao have been following the movement in Shanghai with very keen interest, and lose no opportunity to show their enthusiasm over any Chinese successes in the struggle between China and Japan. This was displayed in a special manner yesterday evening when information reached the colony that the Chinese had gained certain important points in the struggle, and crackers were fired all over the city by the enthusiastic Chinese of Macao.

Subscriptions in aid of victims of the fighting have been collected and a big sum of money is known to have been remitted by the Macao Chinese for the relief of sufferers. Many refugees from

LEAGUE EXPENSES.

BRITAIN'S CONTRIBUTION OVER £1,000,000.

London, Feb. 24.
Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Capt. Eden said that the expenses of the League of Nations down to the end of 1931 were £1,000,000, of which Britain's contribution was approximately £1,080,000. — *Reuter's Special Service.*

Shanghai have found their way to Macao and are being accommodated by the local charitable institutions.

The Portuguese transport, the Gil Eanes, has been ordered to proceed to Shanghai to bring away women and children in case such a necessity should arise, and will be leaving Macao at an early date. — *Our Own Correspondent.*



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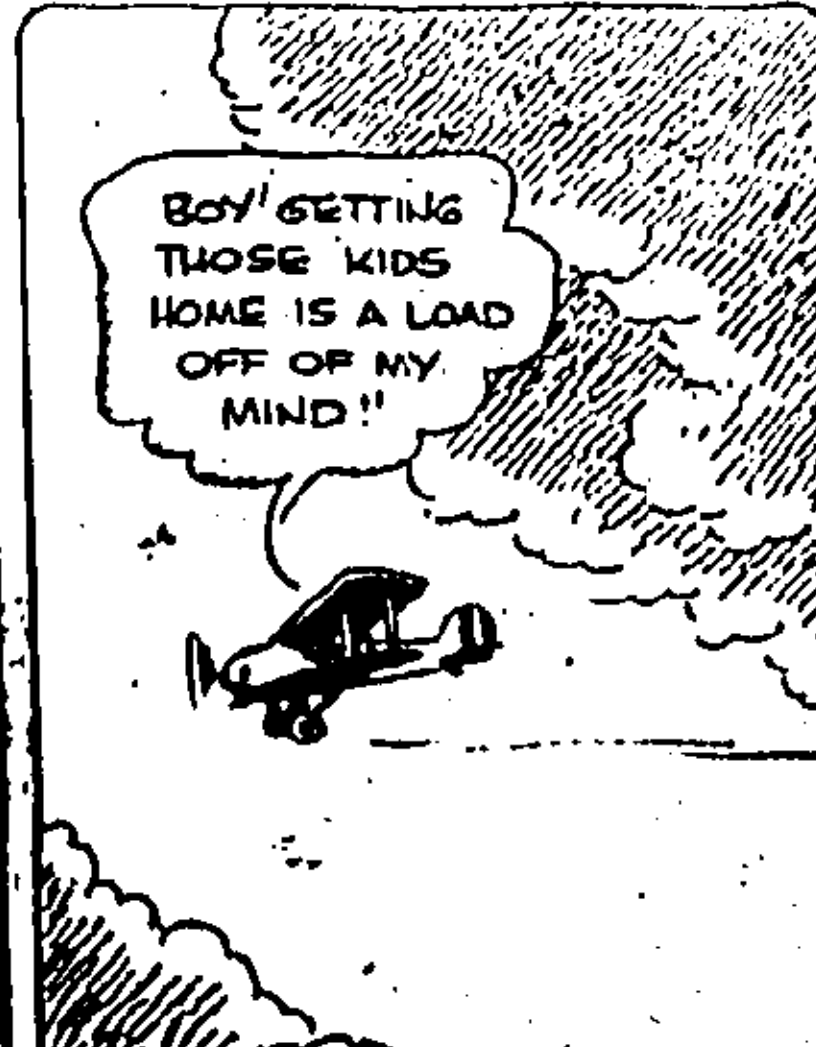
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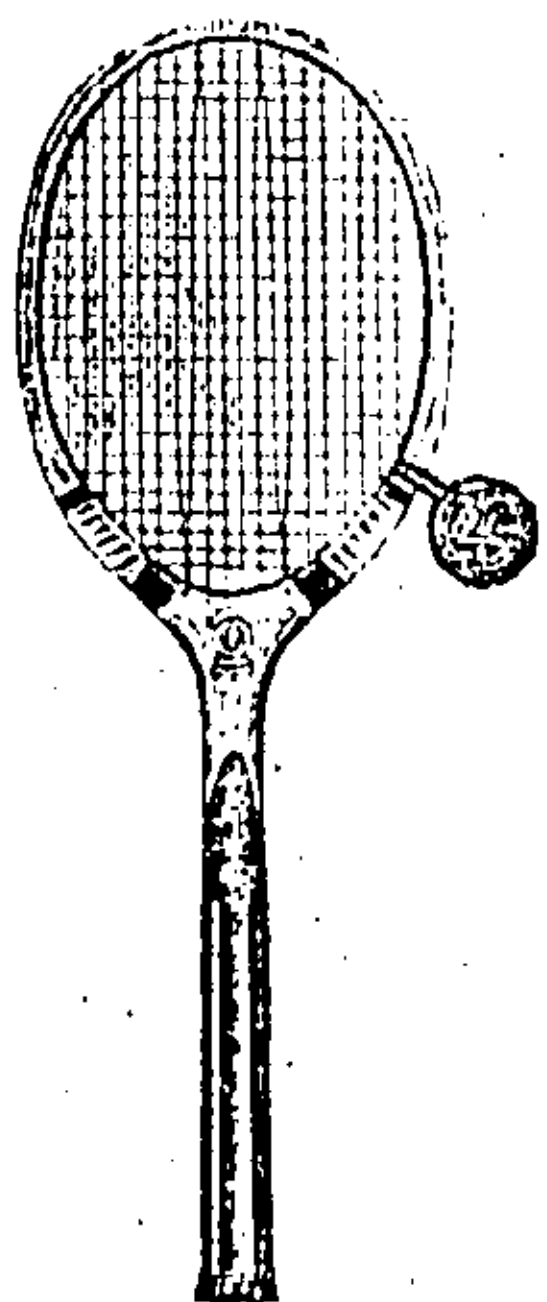
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1932.

**THE DISARMAMENT
OUTLOOK.**

With real warfare proceeding in and around Shanghai, the General Committee of the Disarmament Conference is at present sitting in Geneva, in an endeavour to attain some basis of agreement for arms limitation which shall be acceptable to all the Powers. Important issues are due for discussion, notably on the security question, raised by France. So far as Britain is concerned, the view expressed recently by a former First Lord of the Admiralty will probably find wide acceptance, namely that unless there is general and complete disarmament, of which there is no hope, Britain requires an absolute minimum naval strength, but that absolute minimum is, of course, always qualified by the relative strengths of other Powers. If, therefore, agreed ratios between all the Powers concerned could be reached, there is no reason why a move should not be made by general percentage cuts. But the question is, "Will France agree to limit her naval strength to figures which are reasonable in relation to the figures adopted by the United States, Japan, and Britain in London?"

The French attitude on disarmament is, vocally, strongly in favour, but in practice it is governed by the magic word "security." She refuses to make any really substantial reduction of arms until the other signatories to the Covenant have given such interpretations of Articles 8 and 16 of the Covenant as would, in her judgment, make her absolutely immune from attack. It was in endeavouring to satisfy that spirit that Italy and Britain entered into the commitments of Locarno, which, in spite of the Briand-Kellogg pact on the outlawry of war, could, nevertheless, land them into a legal war. The point which needs to be stressed and fought out if real progress in disarmament is to be made is that Great Britain and certain other countries, having put their signatures to the League Covenant, to the Briand-Kellogg Pact, and to the Optional Clause, are prepared to take the risks involved in reducing armaments, relying upon the additional margin of safety secured by the various covenants, pacts and understandings. France, up to the present, is not prepared to take that risk, and, as Mr. A. V. Alexander recently pointed out, the fact has to be faced. As far as one can see, France would be prepared to move if either (a) she could obtain another pact of the Locarno type which would give her what she considers to be security in the

Mediterranean, or (b) could obtain from the members of the League, a definite interpretation of Article 16 of the Covenant which would more certainly, commit members of the League to participate in a League war against an aggressor. In Mr. Alexander's view, to adopt the former policy would be wrong. Our responsibilities under the existing Locarno Pact are already great enough. It seems, therefore, that the Conference, if it is to make real progress in disarmament, will either have to find some form of words in connexion with Article 16 which will satisfy France and spread over the whole of the members of the League any contingent liability therefrom, or must persuade France that if countries like Great Britain are prepared, if other countries will do the same, to take the risks of peace, in the light of the existing covenants and pacts, she ought to do the same.

There are, of course, minor matters on which some progress could be made, such as the reduction of the size of capital ships, but obviously these are minor questions. The real issue is, have the nations now provided themselves with sufficient alternative means of the settlement of disputes other than by appeal to the arbitrament of war? If so, there is no case against substantial progress being made in disarmament, but until all the Great Powers are persuaded of this no such real progress in disarmament will be made.

Industry and Human Progress.

Is the industrial machine a benefit or a detriment to the civilization of the world? Such is the fundamental question raised by the economic blizzard through which the world is still battling hazily to an uncertain end. Reference has been made to the fact that the conquest of the physical universe and the development of power and skill through the machine have made available to the present generation an abundance of things undreamed of by preceding generations. The machine has created wealth. It has bequeathed to the average citizen a long succession of creature comforts. It is a fair question, however, whether this increase in wealth has been of equal benefit to all sections of society. It is the conviction of many people that, whereas the industrial machine has overcome certain limitations in modern social life, it has accentuated others. In the opinion of these people the high productive capacity of modern industry has given no answer to the problem of the distribution of wealth in accordance with the religious principles of justice and love. It has been too often true that the wealth created by the industrial machine has flowed back again into the hands of those owning the machine. By the same token not a sufficient amount of the surplus of the profits accruing to these individuals has been devoted to the task of guaranteeing the workers of the world against the economic evils of overproduction and unemployment. Society should not become so enamoured with the economic benefits resulting from the functioning of the machine as to become indifferent to the resulting problems of social justice. While developing horsepower it must not overlook the need of developing the moral power sufficient to meet the social requirements of a righteous world community. Religion and education must come to the aid of economics if this moral power is to be forthcoming. Justice to all must be the watch-word of the community that makes use of the machine—justice to Capital, to Labour and to the consuming public. The economic world stands at a crossroad. The direction should be decided not with the thought of emphasising the conditions of particular classes but with the thought of bringing to mankind as a whole that measure of social justice necessary to the prosperity and happiness of the entire community.

A young shop faki, Ng Hung-kong, of 425, Hennessy Road, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital last night suffering from a stab wound to the lower part of his abdomen which was inflicted whilst he was asleep. He suspects a fellow-faki, who has since absconded.

DAY BY DAY

THE THING THAT AMAZES ME ON OCCASIONS WHEN PUBLIC OPINION IS TOUCHED TO THE QUICK IS MAN'S CAPACITY FOR LYING.—Trotter.

The Ben Line s.s. Bendoran, from Home via Straits and Manila, is due here on March 1st.

Entries close to-day for the Hongkong Horticultural Society Flower Show which is to take place on March 3. Intending exhibitors should send their entries at once to the Secretary's Office at No. 11 Queen's Road Central.

A University Union debate on "That in the opinion of the House, the time for sex equality has come" will take place to-night at 8 p.m. in the Union Assembly Hall. Proposer, Mr. Raymond H. S. Lee; opposer, Mr. Wong Siew Long. Tea will be served after the debate.

A meeting of the Theosophical Society will be held at No. 17, Queen's Road Central, this evening, when Mr. M. Manak will give an address on "The Religious Beliefs of the Maoris of New Zealand." The meeting, which is open to the general public, will commence at six o'clock.

**SHANGHAI'S HOUR
OF NEED.****SURGEONS AND NURSES
URGENTLY REQUIRED.**

Acting on cables instructions from the Headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, London, the local Assistant Commissioner is making arrangements to despatch nursing assistance to Shanghai, where such assistance is urgently needed in the hospitals.

Nurses who wish to volunteer are kindly invited to communicate with the Assistant Commissioner at King's College.

Cables from Shanghai state that surgeons and nurses are urgently required.

LAW OVERLOOKED.**INSURANCE COMPANY
DISCLOSURE.**

Another insurance society—the Royal Liver Friendly Society—is criticised in a report issued from the office of the Industrial Assurance Commissioner.

When a policy owner agrees to accept a new policy in substitution for an old policy an insurance company (according to Section 25 of the Industrial Assurance Act, 1923) must in most cases pay the surrender value of the old policy or issue a free paid-up policy of equivalent value. It is this section that has been overlooked. The society has now reviewed the whole of its new business since January, 1924, and as a result has authorised the issue of 96,695 free paid-up policies assuring £131,357.

The Inspector agrees that the society made no attempt to conceal anything from him and had spared no pains to remedy the results of their past action or inaction.

BEAU ATKINSFickle Fashion's Way With the
British Army.

By R. J. T. HILLS.

In the "Report on the Health of the Army" for 1930, which appeared recently, Service dress was a subject of special investigation. Suggestions put forward included a new jacket with a turned-down collar, open at the neck in front, a drab Angora shirt to be worn with a tie, trousers in the nature of "plus fours," and gaiters of either canvas or soft leather. In this article Squadron Quartermaster, Corporal Hills, whose articles on the modern soldier are well-known, shows that, revolutionary though suggestions may seem, they are in keeping with a tradition of changing fashion in the British Army.

SO we are to change the fashion of our Army clothing. Newspapers declare that in 1932 the infantry man shall wear a collar and tie, that he is to wind up his puttees for the last time, and march gaitered to battle.

Little is new in an old army like ours. Collars and ties? Well, we've had stocks and lace frills. Gaiters? Our men got varicose veins and the rheumatics a hundred and fifty years ago through wearing their spatterdashies too tight, and with the pipeclay wet on them.

Scottish regiments by tradition wear their white spats in memory of the Highlanders who marched to Corunna with their shoeless feet white-banded. Yet it is more feasible that the spats are but abbreviated spatterdashies.

The old red jacket is the hallmark of the British Line. Although it is the Royal Livery, it was the colour adopted by Cromwell for his New Model. Strange that the only remaining regiment of his Ironsides is to-day "The Blues."

Continental armies have been our great models. Frederick the Great first evolved the theory that a man must be tight-laced to fight. There is an old-told tale of how William the Conqueror, Marlborough, Wellington or the Prince Consort had in front of him a soldier of the Life Guards, Foot Guards, Balloon Section or Royal Marines, and asked him how he would wish to be dressed if he had to fight again at Hastings, Blenheim, Waterloo or Inkermann. The answer alone is constant: "In my shirt-sleeves, sir."

Our rifle battalions followed the German Jagers. Like them they wore the huntsman's green jacket, an early attempt at protective colouring. They even adapted the huntsman's horn to military use. Poniatowski's lancers brought their own uniform to La Grande Armee. British Lancers in full dress have the same Polish skull-cap and plastron jacket. Certain of our Light Dragoons became Hussars. The dolman, frogged jacket and bushy of the Hungarian feudatories were theirs as well.



"Shay, Phil, I shpouse the Colonel got mad and went home. He's nowhere on board."

We specialise in military millinery. It took decades of discomfort to rid us of the three-cornered hat. Grenadier companies escaped earliest owing to the difficulty of slinging a rifle over the broad brim. The tall grenadier caps received a trimming of fur. The fur grew into the racoon or bear skin.

The shako reigned for nearly a century, giving place to the Line Infantry headdress, which served until 1914. Ultra-Englishmen denounced this latter as a "pickelhaube," and pleaded for a return to the real old English shako. Shako—chako—or even tschako? Can it be so very English? It has gone over the Border to the I.L.I. and the Cameronians. Of all our military hat-fanciers the palm must be awarded to General Platoon, who rode through the Battle of Victoria in a top hat.

At no time were there so many changes in British uniform as under George IV. Change followed change with such bewildering rapidity that one journalist was moved to ask each morning what particular regiment was mounting Whitehall Guard, as the Life Guards were new-rigged every day.

George IV. re-introduced the culottes, not, as is sometimes claimed, in honour of the overthrow of the Carussiers at Waterloo, but as an adornment to a Carlton House Ball. The single-breasted tunic was taken into wear to allow the Waterloo medal to hang with greater distinction. This was the first general issue of a war medal to all ranks. The Peninsular Medal was an afterthought.

Some regimental dress distinctions are grants of honour. The bearskins of the Foot Guards—never to be called busbies—are not an evolution of the grenadier caps as such. They commemorate the gallantry of the Foot Guards and the rout of Napoleon's Old Guard at Waterloo, where the Grenadiers themselves also won their proud title. The Greys owe their eagle cap-badge to the same battle, in which Sergeant Ewart carried off an eagle from the French Foot. Somerset sergeants wear their sashes over the left shoulder, as officers used to do. On Culloden Moor all their officers fell—"Carry on, Sergeant."

The Red Hackle of the Black Watch is a white feather—dipped in enemy blood. The hiding of King Charles II. in the Boscomb Oak is remembered in the oak-leaf motif of Life Guards' officers' lace. The black "flash" of the Royal Welch Fusiliers was once used to keep hair grease and powder from clean red tunics. The regiment was on the high seas when the rest of the Army shored off its pickets and marched closed-cropped to Vimero.

Red tunics have always been carefully kept. The soldier must come clean to battle. On lesser occasions he often wore his coat inside out. An English troopship crossing to America for the Rebellion was fired on by a British Man o' War. The soldiers' white coat-linings were taken for the Bourbon livery of France.

The almost universal scarlet of the Line caused the distinctive regimental facings to be fiercely valued. "Royal" regiments had facings of blue. Colonels of other regiments often adopted their own livery colours. The "Buffs" and "Green Howards" are honoured in the Army List to-day. One old regiment, the 50th, had no such distinction. With a sarcasm truly English it took for itself the puce livery of the King of France's mistress. The 2nd Battalion Essex are the "Pompadors" to this day.

The year 1881 was a ruthless one in the Army—the year of the Cardwell reforms. "Avast," said Mr. Cardwell in effect, "with all these fancy trimmings." Royal regiments, he decreed, were to keep to blue, English regiments to white, the Scots to yellow, and the Irish to green. He reckoned without the Army. Regiment by regiment they wheeled back their own facings.

With the disappearance of the Connaught Rangers, not an Irish regiment—excluding Rifles—has green facings. Yet eight English regiments are bedecked in carefully grided shades of that colour. Out of eight regiments wearing yellow, only two are Scots. Several regiments have buff, one, the West Kent, wears black, and one, the Duke of Wellington's scarlet.

The British Army appeared in a new role in the Great War. Having followed meekly after Continental fashions all its long life, it suddenly became the arbiter of elegance in a world at war. The

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SOMME BATTLE DISCLOSURES.**DEFECTIVE GUNS AND AMMUNITION.****LOADED INFANTRY.**

The fifth volume of the Official History of the Great War deals with a highly critical period (1916) on the Western Front.

Sir Douglas Haig had just taken over the Command of the British Expeditionary Force which after expansion had been reorganised. It was a time when the Franco-British plan for an offensive was uppermost in the thoughts of the Allied Commanders and divergent views had to be overcome.

Brigadier-General Sir James E. Edmonds, the compiler of the History, has devoted a considerable portion of the volume to show how the British Expeditionary Force had expanded and with it the artillery services. The difficulties experienced in supplying the guns with sufficient and satisfactory ammunition is not minimised. There was an amazing quantity of "dud" shells due to faulty fuzes.

When, after the beginning of the battles of the Somme, the wholesale and terrible defects of guns, ammunition, and fuzes were reported, the Minister of Munitions said: "The Garrison Artillery in France is entirely maintained, it cannot shoot, and is quite unable to work the gun or the weapons which I have provided." A letter to express his opinion on this charge, Lord Rawlinson repudiated it.

The shortage of ammunition was not improved when, during the Battle of the Somme, the newly formed ammunition depot at Audruicourt, containing 2,000 tons and valued at £3,500,000, was totally destroyed, the result of a fire caused by a bomb dropped from an aeroplane.

Cause of Heavy Losses.

The total weight carried by the foot soldier on the Somme was 66 lbs. This weight of personal equipment seriously hampered the movements of the men when climbing out of a trench, and it was impossible for them to move much quicker than a slow walk or to rise and lie down quickly. This overloading of the men is regarded by many infantry officers as one of the main reasons of the heavy losses, since the men could not get quickly enough through the zone swept by machine-gun fire.

The volume closes with praise for the heroism displayed by London Territorials, London Scottish, the Rangers, Queen Victoria's Rifles, Queen's Westminster, and the London Rifle Brigade. The Londoners had by careful preparation and a fine advance attained nearly all of their principal objective and held on to it.

But the failure of the 4th Division proved disastrous for the London troops. "The success of the 5th Division, the more remarkable on account of the failure of the Divisions on either side, cost the lives of over 1,200 of some of the best infantry in the Armies in France."

The publishers of the volume are Messrs. Macmillan and Co., and the price is 12s. 6d. There is also a volume of Appendices (7s. 6d.) and a case of Maps (5s. 6d.). The maps and sketches are numerous. They are compiled by Major A. F. Becke.

FRENCH SUCCESS IN MOROCCO.**TROUBLESOME CENTRE OCCUPIED.**

Paris, Jan. 17.

The oasis of Tafilalet in the south of Morocco, which was occupied by French troops on Friday, has long been a centre of dissidents, and its capture should mark a decisive stage in the subjugation of the region. The operation was carried out almost without loss, the only casualty reported being the death of a French officer. Two French aviators whose aeroplane crashed, were injured.

Tafilalet is one of the richest oases in Morocco. Situated about 50 miles to the west of Bou Denib, its position is important both strategically and economically, and though the French troops have been in occupation of the Valley of Ziz by which it is approached, since 1917, Tafilalet has always been a thorn in their flesh as a rallying-point for marauding tribesmen.

The recent operations, carried out under the Governor of Morocco, M. Lucien Saint, with the approval of the French Government, has deprived the dissidents of their most useful bases. The voluntary submission to the French of more than 15,000 families is one effect of the occupation.

SENSATION.**THREE ESCAPES AT WAKEFIELD.**

Wakefield, Jan. 28.

Three prisoners escaped from Wakefield Gaol this evening. One was immediately recaptured, but the two others disappeared across allotments after they had been tackled by a warder and left him unconscious on the ground.

The two men still at liberty are: Harry Marsh (22), of Heywood, Lancashire, slim, 5ft. 9in. in height, with fresh complexion, brown hair and eyes.

Thomas Alfred Taylor (23), of Bolton, 5ft. 11in., light brown hair, grey eyes.

Both men were wearing the usual grey prison clothes, with light grey canvas shoes. They had no hats, and, it is stated, no money.

The men were among a number of prisoners who formed a gymnastic class in a yard, which was only dimly lit. When the warder's attention was diverted momentarily the three men broke the ranks and by some means scaled the high prison wall and dropped into some allotment gardens which surround the gaol.

Warder's Pluck.

Immediately it was discovered that the men were missing warders made a dash through a side entrance of the prison and captured one of the men before he had recovered from the shaking received in dropping from the wall.

The two other men were chased and tackled in the allotment ground by another warder, but by the time other warders arrived he was found unconscious and the two prisoners had vanished.

Late to-night the countryside was being scoured by parties of local police and members of the flying squad attached to the West Riding Constabulary at Wakefield.

Dartmoor Mutiny Effect.

Following the Dartmoor mutiny, there were rumours of unrest in several prisons.

At Wakefield every effort was made to keep the news of the Dartmoor mutiny from reaching the prisoners. Normally newspapers are allowed in the prison, but these were withdrawn after Sunday and wireless switched off during news bulletins.

Wakedfield Prison is for offenders who have been sentenced to not more than 18 months, the aim being, if possible, to effect some measure of reform by more ameliorative methods of prison treatment.

A good deal of liberty inside the prison is accorded to the men, and they are encouraged to participate in sports. They have also educational classes and concerts, access to the prison is much less severe than it was in pre-war days.

WUCHOW NOTES.**DEFEETES ARRIVE FROM SHANGHAI.**

Wuchow, Feb. 23.

The Kwangsi University, of which Dr. K. M. Ma is head, started its Spring semester this morning. It is reported that many new students matriculated for the spring term.

The vanguard of refugees from the Shanghai war zone has arrived in Wuchow, and it is expected that every south-bound steamer from Shanghai will bring its quota of Kwangsiers who will transship at Hongkong for Wuchow and other Kwangsi cities.

The Provincial proclamation, calling for the recording of all deeds to property in Kwangsi Province is rapidly being carried out. A large percentage of the property in Wuchow has already been recorded. The local police department is making a careful investigation of boundary lines and other claims contained in deeds presented for examination and recording. A fee is charged for the registering of all deeds.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.**OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.**

Despite the fact that the Races are over, the session opened briskly due to some Settlement liquidation still pending.

Sales.

Hongkong Banks \$1340.

Union Insurances \$410.

Buyers.

Union Insurances \$407½.

Douglases \$26.

Hongkong (Old) \$13.

Chinese Estates \$85.

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Amusements \$19½.

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Sellers.

Docks \$20.

China Lights (Old) \$21.

Cements (Comb) \$16.60.

CHINESE RESIST ATTACK.**JAPANESE DRIVE A FAILURE.****FIERCE SHELLING.**

Shanghai, Feb. 24, 3.54 p.m.

The Kiangwan front this morning was a scene of misery. The soaking rain of last night filled the trenches and dugouts and put out the smouldering fires which destroyed thousands of peasant homes during the past few days.

Though a fierce aerial and artillery bombardment has been going on all the morning, since half past eight, the Japanese infantry has not yet attempted any great advance.

The Japanese appear anxious to blast out the Chinese by pure weight of explosives rather than by fighting.

Reuter's special correspondent this morning says eight huge bombers roared across No Man's Land, each carrying a couple of 250 pound bombs which were ready placed on the Chinese positions round Kiangwan village.

The detonations were terrific, and stupendous clouds of earth and debris were thrown a hundred yards into the air.

It seemed impossible that there could be any defences or Chinese troops left, but as the smoke cleared away the Chinese poured a withering machine gun and rifle fire into the Japanese positions in expectation of their advance.

The rain-soaked Japanese infantry, however, did not attempt to carry the devastated Chinese trenches, which the Chinese are indefatigably building up again, despite the continued Japanese artillery bombardment and the Japanese planes dropping smaller bombs.

In the meantime the Japanese started actively along the Chapei front, their naval landing force delivering an attack on the Chinese positions in the northern section of Chapei at 10.30 a.m. Very severe fighting is now in progress.

The Horrors of War.

Shanghai, Feb. 24, 5.18 p.m.

In Wuh Zar Village, on the west side of the Wosung-Shanghai military road near Wosung Creek, are between 150 to 200 dead Chinese soldiers, civilians, women and children, lying in the open spaces of the creek. Hundreds of crows are feeding undisturbed on the bodies.

A Japanese battery at the rifle range fired intermittently during this morning, but the Chinese did not reply.

Reuter is informed that 300 Japanese troops hold the south bank of Wosung Creek, some of whom to-day crossed the creek and established posts.

Japanese planes bombed Pootung this morning, and it is believed the massing of troops is the reason.

Japanese Attacks Fail.

Shanghai, Feb. 24, 7.28 p.m.

The Japanese attack to-day proved a failure, the Chinese maintaining their positions despite a relentless onslaught.

Gen. Tsai Speaks.

Shanghai, Feb. 24, 7.54 p.m.

Reuter's representative, visiting the Chinese commander, General Tsai Ting-kai, this morning, had to run the gauntlet of five Japanese planes throughout the fifteen miles journey. The planes, which were constantly searching for the Chinese headquarters, spotted the speeding car and followed it the entire distance, while every soldier within miles fired off whatever weapon was handy.

Reuter's man even saw one Chinese soldier in futile manner firing his pistol at the speeding planes.

Luckily the planes did not bomb the car, but there was plenty of danger from the exploding anti-aircraft shells and intense ill-directed fire from all sides.

Gen. Tsai Ting-kai was calmly content with the performance of his men during the last three days. He entertained Reuter's man to an al fresco lunch in the garden of a deserted house, in bitter cold weather.

Over the tinned lobster, he commented bitterly on the Japanese attacking without declaring war. He said he would resist them to the last bullet and last man. The Chinese had not yet made an offensive movement, because "the Chinese battle is simply a defensive for freedom. We are trying to protect neutrality, as demanded by the League, and the lives of residents of the Settlement."

Bombing Denounced.

Gen. Tsai denounced the Japanese bombing of civilians, and went on:

"We can push forward at any time, but we are not bloody war."

PIRATES SEIZE A JUNK.**EARLY MORNING OUTRAGE.**

The seizure of a cargo junk off Lung Ku Tan on Tuesday was related to the police yesterday afternoon by a foki of the boat, who, together with two others, were the sole occupants.

Tang Po, the foki, who was on board the junk owned by Tang Kwok-hing of San Wai Ha village, stated that he left Sha Kong, in the Ping Shan District on Monday with a cargo of 90 sacks of lime to the value of \$110, the destination being Ching Shan Keuk, Castle Peak. When off Lung Ku Tan, anchor was dropped just before midnight owing to the strong wind and rough seas.

About an hour after the boat had anchored, the foki were sitting at the stern of the boat smoking when they were suddenly surprised by the appearance of three men armed with revolvers. The foki were bound with rope and after the anchor had been weighed the unwelcome guests sailed the junk to San Chau Island, where it went alongside some rocks.

The crew of the junk were set free, and after they had scrambled ashore their boat was sailed away by the robbers, who also had their own oyster boat in tow.

Deprived of their junk, the three men made their way to a temple where they stayed for the night. The following day, a fishing boat called at San Chau Island and they were taken to Castle Peak, from where they later came into Hongkong.

The Japanese army is now lying low, until its reinforcements arrive. He added that his casualties since January 28 were 2,000, while the civilian casualties were 6,000. He concluded:

"Tell the world we want peace, but must resist the invader to the end. This war will be a long one, but we are prepared."—*Reuter Special.*

Japan's Losses.

The Japanese Consul General in Hongkong, Mr. T. Yoshida, stated yesterday that he had received official advice from Shanghai, placing the total casualties since the commencement of the present offensive at 200 killed and wounded.

According to the advice received by Mr. Yoshida from official sources, there has been no change in the position at Shanghai.

Japanese Reinforcements.

Shanghai, Feb. 24, 5.18 p.m.

The Japanese cruiser Yubari left Wosung at 2 a.m., proceeding to sea to meet incoming transports. The transport Muya Maru is due at 4 a.m. to-morrow, with troops, berthing at the South Manchurian Railway wharf.

The naval transport Nijima is due early on February 26, berthing at the O. S. K. Wharf, and the cable ship Nanyo is arriving the same morning; while the naval transport Tsurumi is due on

Japanese Leaving.

Shanghai, Feb. 24, 3.54 p.m.

The Shanghai residents at Shanghai are continuing to evacuate in large numbers. Since the 28th of January 9,000 have been evacuated to Japan, leaving 4,000 here, but these are rapidly preparing to depart.

A Japanese liner which is lying alongside the wharf near the Japanese Consulate, this morning was loading a thousand refugees for Japan.—*Reuter.*

Britain's Policy.

London, Feb. 24.

As recently foreshadowed, the "anti-drift" movement is rapidly attaining an impetus, and now embraces the Labour movement, as instanced at yesterday's decision of the National Joint Council, followed up to-day by the Independent Labour Party, whose restiveness goes to the length of condemning "the capitalist League of Nations."

It is known that Sir John Simon's Far Eastern mandate is clear-cut, and is believed to pre-empt definite action, if possible including the United States. It is unofficially assumed that the League will early issue a "serious warning", which, as the *Times* says, may induce Japan to hesitate in the face of hostile world opinion, but failing results it is assumed Britain will "do something".

Liberal and Labour circles advocate the "whole hog" withdrawal of diplomats and a boycott.

The non-interventionists bank on the ability of the Assembly to "localise actual conflict", as regards which one diplomatic correspondent declares that further diplomatic moves, either by the League or the Powers, will be worse than futile until a local military decision has been reached at Shanghai, admitting, however, the possibility of an early decision along those lines receding.—*Reuter.*

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5.00-5.40 p.m. A Concert.

Organ Solo—"Faust"—Waltz (Gounod). Edward O'Henry. B2873.

Song—Little Brown Owl (Sanderson). Mavis Bennett (Soprano). B2190.

Piano Solo—Etudes, Op. 10 (Chopin) (No. 11 in E flat—No. 12 in C Minor).

Piano Solo—Etudes, Op. 25 (Chopin) (No. 1 in A flat Major—No. 12 in C Minor).

Wilhelm Bachaus. 6894.

Song—I Know of Two Bright Eyes (Clutaux).

Song—Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal (Quilter).

Derek Oldham (Tenor). B2870.

Organ Solo—Spirit of the Dance (Ewing).

Edward O'Henry. B3636.

Song—Waltz (D'Hardelot).

John Turner (Tenor). B2205.

Piano Solo—Etudes, Op. 10 (Chopin) (No. 10 in A flat Major—No. 9 in F Minor).

Piano Solo—Etudes, Op. 25 (Chopin) (No. 2 in F Minor—No. 11 in A Minor).

Wilhelm Bachaus. 6895.

5.40-6.10 p.m.

Children's Concert from the Studio.

6.10-7.00 p.m.

Symphony No. 6, "From the New World" (Dvorak Op. 95) Played by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski. M-1.

7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.

7.03-7.44 p.m. Variety.

Humorous Dialogue—Getting a Motor. Humorous Dialogue—Getting a Wife. Constance Collier and Ronald Squire. C1640.

Orchestral—Honolulu Sweetheart of Mine.

Orchestral—Along Miami Shore. Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra. B2850.

Humorous Dialogue—My Wireless Set. John Henry and "Blossom." B2155.

Song—Just Keepin' On.

Song—Mighty Lak' a Rose. Paul Robeson (Bass). B3199.

Organ Solo—Make Believe.

Organ Solo—Who Do I Love You? Edward O'Henry. B2862.

Vocal Trio—There's Room in my Heart. Walter Glynn, Sydney Coltham and George Baker.

Song—Peace of Mind. Gene Austin (Tenor). B3201.

7.44-8.00 p.m.

Sonata No. 1 (Dellus) Played by May Harrison and Arnold Bax (Violin and Piano). C1740-C1750.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.33 p.m. Close Down.

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GERMAN PRAISE OF BRITAIN.**"MEETING MISFORTUNE SQUARELY."**

Oxford, Jan. 29.

Dr. A. Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Professor of International Law at Hamburg University, and a direct descendant of the great composer, addressed the Oxford Luncheon Club to-day on Germany's domestic policy and international relations.

"Your country during the last few months has given an example to the world in meeting misfortune squarely and with self-command," he remarked. "I hope this lesson will not be lost on others. I trust that historians will be able to say that in 1932 Great Britain and Germany, as often before, have striven for a new and better order of things in the world."

"A few days ago the young people of England were told by the Prince of Wales that no central machinery will provide a substitute for a good neighbour. That is true for all nations."

Work, Not Rhetoric.

The German people, the Professor continued, were now in the midst of the process of realising what the effects of the War were. In fact, they might only now be in the beginning of realising this.

"We are," he added, "now in danger of becoming a political people with two-class minds instead of a people consisting of reasonable human beings. For the first time during the last election we had two big parties, and but for the strong entrenched position of the Catholic Centre Party our country might have been swept into a civil war of the most repulsive character. The Chancellor and his party are doing good service not only to Germany, but also to the world by holding out against the Radical parties on both sides."

He felt, the Professor concluded, that there was hope for Germany if plain work, conscientiously done, again came to be the standard of values. Instead of captains of rhetoric going about issuing orders after donning fancy dress uniform.

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Police removing a poster in Queen's Road Central during the "victory" celebrations in Hongkong on Tuesday.

LIVING UNDER WATER.

CHARLES ZIMMY GIVES DEMONSTRATION.

With but limited facilities at his disposal, Charles Zimmy, the legless genius, who is appearing at the King's Theatre in conjunction with the picture, "Ladies of the Big House," is not able to demonstrate to the full his aquatic abilities but what feats were shown by him in his small tank on the stage were sufficient to convince even the most dubious that his claims are not in any way exaggerated.

At the age of eight, Zimmy lost his legs in a tram accident in Chicago, but soon overcame the enormous disadvantage, and the way he has managed to get about without the assistance of his lower limbs is remarkable.

With swimming as his chief object in life, Zimmy has performed some outstanding feats and some of these he shows to the public at the King's Theatre. Using a small tank which forms part of his equipment, he shows how it is possible to eat, drink, smoke and stay under water. He has remained under water for a period of four minutes and 17 seconds, which he claims as a world record, and has smoked a cigarette for three minutes under water.

A short film before Zimmy's personal appearance on the stage shows how he propels himself in the water and how he dives. It is to be hoped that he will appear in one of the swimming baths in Hongkong, to give a better demonstration of his prowess in this direction.

Zimmy, who drives his own motor car and plays golf, is also an expert acrobat and a dancer. A dance of his own which he gives in his programme at the King's Theatre shows how agile he is even without his legs. For the next three days Zimmy is appearing at the King's Theatre, prior to sailing for Europe, where he intends to swim the English Channel, from Dover to France and back without stopping.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

H.K. HOCKEY CLUB "A" V. THE C.B.A.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" team v. C.B.A. at King's on Feb. 26. E. S. Moses, L. A. R. Duncan (Captain), L. F. Nicholson, F. W. Allen, E. G. S. Dale, K. H. Utley, S. Hill, W. H. Smith, W. A. Nowers, J. L. Tetley, and G. F. Rees.

Ladies' Hockey. The following will represent the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club in a friendly match against St. Andrew's on the Diocesan Girls' School Ground at 5.15 p.m. to-day: M. Bird; E. M. Gray; J. Smalley; B. Franklin; A. Owen; Hughes; C. Ferguson; E. S. Laing; M. Smalley; P. M. Harrop; A. G. Orme and E. Blackburn.

Mamak Hockey. Mention should have been made during the beginning of the week in connection with the entries for the Mamak Hockey Competition that teams from H.M. Ships will be cordially welcomed in the tournament for next season and entries should be sent to the chairman of the Tournament, Mr. O. England White C/O Government Radio Office as soon as possible.

KOWLOON GOLF.

DRAW FOR HONG FOURSOMES COMPETITION.

The draw for the Hong Foursomes of the Kowloon Golf Club has been made and resulted as follows: G. E. L. Johnson and W. Simpson (Public Works Department), bye. F. Bishop and Widdock (Naval Yard), v. H. Murdy and F. Edwards (Doddwell), v. R. G. Craig and J. McKelvie (Kowloon Docks) v. Reed and

LOCAL CRICKET.

THE UNITED SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS.

Tail scoring was a feature of the match between the United Services and the Volunteers on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon, and which the Volunteers won by 8 wickets.

The Services were largely indebted to Lt. Musson for their total of 173 runs for eight wickets. Musson, after opening carefully, played vigorous cricket and was unfortunate to be caught when just 17 runs short of his century. McLellan did the most damage, capturing four wickets for 23 runs.

The Volunteers passed this total for the loss of two wickets. Beck and Mitchell were in irresistible form with the bat, and were particularly hard on all the bowlers. Mitchell was bowled when he had scored 86 runs, and Beck was undefeated with 79. He got a six off Capt. Burnett. Scores:

United Services.	
Lt. Cdr. Skyrme, c McLellan, b Beck	19
Whiteaway-Wilkinson, c P. S. W. Smith, b Beck	4
Price, c L. B. Smith, b McLellan	8
Lt. A. H. Musson, c L. B. Smith, b McLellan	83
Lt. A. C. Hamilton, b McLellan	13
Lt. Anstruther, b Beck	0
Capt. Burnett, c Griffiths, p P. S. W. Smith	17
Q. M. S. Sadd, b McLellan	13
Lt. Villiers, not out	10
Extras	10
Total (for 8 wks. dec.)	173

Bowling.	
Beck	10 2 87 3
McLellan	10 3 3 23 4
P. Baker	3 2 24 1
F. S. W. Smith	5 1 14 1
L. B. Smith	3 2 16 1

Volunteers.	
H. J. Armstrong, c Stephens, b Hamilton	2
N. A. E. Mackay, b Hamilton	21
E. J. R. Mitchell, b Hamilton	86
A. C. Beck, not out	79
Extras	9
Total (for 3 wks.)	197

Bowling.	
L. B. Smith	10 1 44 3
Stephens	4 25 46 1
Musson	5 46 35 1
Anstruther	4 35 22 1
Cate	3 22 22 1
Burnett	1 16 16 1

League Matches.

The first eleven of the Kowloon Cricket Club against the Indian R.C. at Sookunpo in a league match on Saturday will be composed of the following players: J. C. Lyl, F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F. Zimmermann, W. C. Hung, N. A. E. Mackay, G. C. Burnett, G. A. White, H. A. Gregory and R. G. V. Mead.

Junior Match. For their Second Division match the Kowloon C.C. will be represented by the following players against the Indian R.C. at King's Park: H. Overy, G. Lee, F. S. W. Smith, F. E. Lawrence, F. E. Skinner, J. Hunter, A. R. F. Raven, O. B. Raven, H. Hampton, C. F. Wood and D. S. Green.

Brayley (Sanitary Department): J. G. Meyer and H. C. Russell (Mackintosh & Co.) v. J. McKnight and L. J. Cave (Mustard & Co.), W. Taylor and G. I. Angus (China Light and Power Co.) v. L. Goldman and E. C. Fincher (Gillman & Co.), E. Remedios and S. Jax (Union Trading Co.) v. T. F. Sanderson and W. Stoker (Hongkong Electric).

W. M. Groves and L. G. Eastman (Kowloon Godowns) bye. The first round matches are to be played on Sunday, February 28.

HOME FOOTBALL ERROR.

CORRECTED RESULTS IN NORTHERN SECTION.

Owing to a mis-reading of the cable, which indicated that the Halifax-Doncaster match on Saturday last was not played, whereas in reality it was, we have discovered that the mistake rendered incorrect, several of the scores in the Northern Section of the Third Division, which appeared on Monday.

The following are the corrected results:

Halifax	4	Doncaster	0
Hull	4	Lincoln	1
New Brighton	1	Hartlepool	1
Rochdale	0	Southport	1
Walsall	1	Darlington	0
Wrexham	1	Rotherham	0

The revised league table is as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	Pts.
Lincoln	37	19	2	6	75	31
Crews	28	17	4	7	78	40
Gateshead	28	17	4	7	69	38
Southport	28	14	8	6	42	34
Tranmere	29	13	8	8	81	46
Barrow	28	10	1	11	68	38
Chester	27	12	8	7	49	42
Hull	27	14	4	0	59	38
York	29	13	5	11	46	31
Accrington	29	13	5	11	58	31
Darlington	27	13	4	10	49	30
Wrexham	28	12	6	10	44	30
Stockport	29	9	10	10	36	28
Hartlepool	28	10	5	13	40	25
Carlisle	27	7	10	10	47	24
Halifax	26	8	6	12	38	22
Walsall	28	10	2	16	33	22
Doncaster	28	9	3	16	37	21
Rotherham	28	6	4	18	34	16
New Brighton	29	3	7	19	18	13
Rochdale	28	4	2	22	32	10

BEAU ATKING.

(Continued from Page 6.)

slogan was "Wear British." Friend and foe alike swathed their legs—sometimes most fantastically—in puttees. Sam Browne belts girded the officers of the nations. Tunics were unthinkable without the true Pimlico cut. Some armies even crouched gratefully in the shade of the "pudding-basin" tin hat.

Collars and ties are to come—they say. Our legs shall be duly garbed. Two things, we trust, may never return. The list of a soldier's "small kit" in 1792, included "one powder-bag and puff."

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1340. n.
Chartered Bank, \$12 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$18 n.
East Asia, \$127½ n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1360 n.
Union Ins., \$410 n.
China Underwriters, \$4.62½ n.
China Fire, \$590 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1260 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$26 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$23 n.
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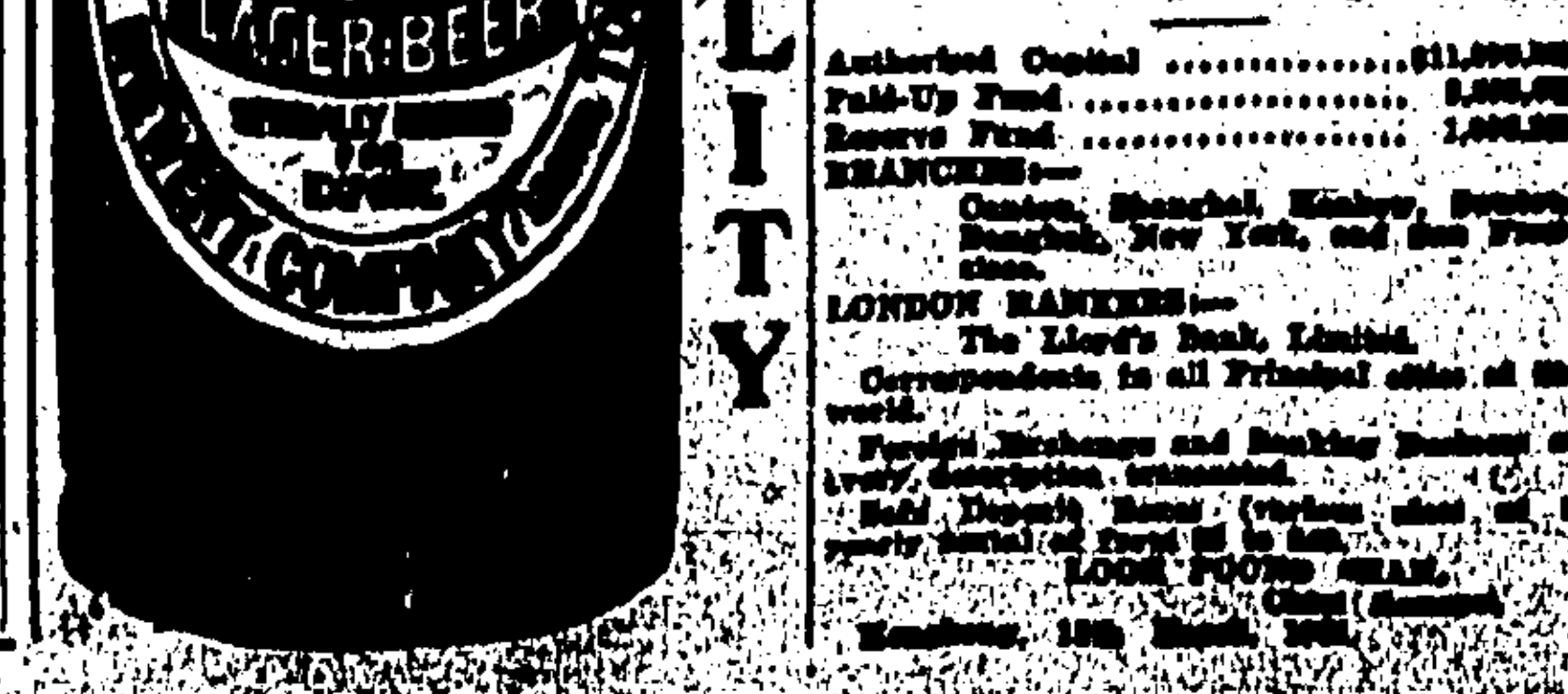
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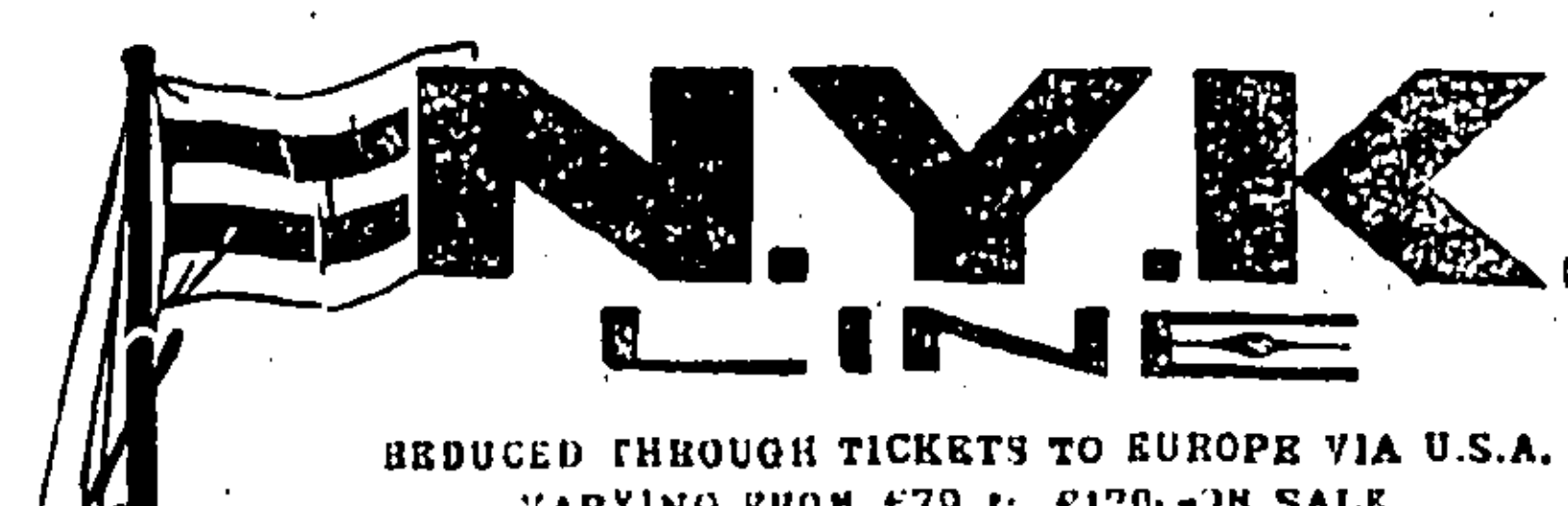
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MATHED QUARTERS IN FLAMES LAST NIGHT.

Considerable excitement was caused about 10.30 last night, when a fire broke out at the mathed in which were housed the race ponies belonging to Messrs. A. M. L. Soares and P. M. L. Soares, the owners of Flying Tourist, Night Patrol, Ghost Trail and other prominent griffins, and subscription griffins, some of which have done quite well during the annual race meeting this week.

The mathed was situated near the Lee Gardens.

As soon as the mafoos discovered the flames, they succeeded in releasing the ponies and getting them away to safety. The Fire Station sent out two engines which arrived a few minutes after the giving of the alarm, and had not much difficulty in extinguishing the flames.

Mr. Kinchin, of the Hongkong Jockey Club stables, was among the first to arrive on the scene, and he directed the work of getting all the other ponies at the adjacent stables to safety. As far as could be ascertained last night, none of the ponies appears to have been injured during the fire. Only one third of the mathed stable has been damaged.

During the excitement the mafoos let loose some of the ponies, which ran into the street, and it took some time to recapture them.

The cause of the fire is believed to have been a leakage of electricity through a short circuit.

DEFAULT ON LOANS.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Feb. 24.
In the House of Commons, the default on the Tientsin-Pukow and Hukwang Railway Loans was raised at question time.

Capt. Eden replied that no suitable opportunity of pressing the just claims of British creditors against the Chinese Government will be neglected.

He suggested that the present time was not an opportune one for another note.—*Reuter.*

SHIRE HORSES.

UNDIMINISHED INTEREST IN FAMOUS SHOW.

London, Feb. 24.
Since mechanical power has not destroyed general interest in heavy cart horses, the attendances at the shire horses show, which this year has entries well up to the average, are as large as ever.

The King, who has taken a keen interest in shire horses, breeds his own for exhibit.—*British Wireless.*

GOLD FALLS IN SEA.

£100,000 SINKS IN CHERBOURG HARBOUR.

Cherbourg, Feb. 24.
A total of £100,000 worth of gold fell into the sea here to-day, while a consignment from the liner Berengaria was being unloaded.

A chain broke, and six barrels filled with gold sank in the harbour, and must be recovered by a diver.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

SHANGHAI RELIEF.

CHINESE CHAMBER ASKS FOR CO-OPERATION.

Several letters from Chinese institutions in Shanghai, including the Cantonese Merchants' Club, appealing for financial assistance from the Hongkong merchants were read at the monthly meeting at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, yesterday, by the Secretary, Mr. Lee Wen-kam.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, who presided, stressed the need for the provision of immediate relief for the large number of refugees in Shanghai and he urged the co-operation of the Chamber's members in making subscriptions to the Tung Wah Hospital fund.

Mr. Wong, however, expressed his regret over the firing of crackers by the Chinese on Tuesday, as the thousands of dollars thus spent could have been employed for the better and more useful purpose of relieving the distress in Shanghai.

The meeting decided that the Chamber should make a contribution of \$2,000 to the Cantonese Club in Shanghai through the Tung Wah Hospital.

Refugees Arrive.

Another thousand Chinese refugees, chiefly women and children, arrived in Hongkong yesterday by the B. & S. steamers Sinkiang and Klungechow.

The S.S. Klungechow arrived earlier in the morning with 530 refugees. The S.S. Sinkiang, which came in later, brought about 350 Chinese passengers.

The two steamers left for Canton last night with practically all the passengers many of whom will join their relatives in Canton or apply to the Fong Bin Hospital in Canton, the leading Chinese charitable institution of Kwangtung, for lodging and food.

NEW JUDGE KNIGHTED

HONOUR FOR MR. HERBERT DU PARCQ.

London, Feb. 24.
H.M. the King has approved of a Knighthood for Mr. Herbert du Parcq, the newly-appointed judge in the King's Bench Division, who recently conducted the enquiry into the Dartmoor prison disturbances.—*British Wireless.*

[Sir Herbert du Parcq, K.C., lately Recorder of Portsmouth, who is 61 years of age, is a native of Jersey, where he was educated, going later to Oxford. At the University he had a distinguished career, and was president of the Union in 1902. He was called to the Bar in 1906; and became president of the Hardwicke Society in 1910. In May of last year he acted as Commissioner at Manchester Assizes.]

HITLER A GERMAN.

THE SOLVING OF A COMIC PROBLEM.

Berlin, Feb. 24.
The rather comic problem of giving Herr Hitler German citizenship in order that he can become a Presidential candidate has been solved.

Hitler is to be made a Professor of Politic Pedagogics at the Brunswick University and in order to meet the objections that the appointment is only "camouflage," Hitler will deliver an address at Brunswick to-day.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

THREE KINDS OF LOVE.

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part forever right now. I'm going straight into the house. But I will add, Mr. DeArmont, that I don't think that in a very nice way to talk to a girl who is 19 years old, and you know how old I was, because I told you this afternoon in the drug store, and now I'll say goodbye."

He took her by the shoulders and held her, gently enough. "Leave me explain, hon," he said. "I didn't go to make you sore. On the square I didn't see? Wait a minute. Give me a break."

"Funny little kid," mocked Mary-Frances. "Well, it may be yours, but it isn't my idea of a nice way to talk."

"Say listen, hon. I'm sorry, honest. I didn't mean anything like you think—see? I like you. On the square I do. I like you a lot better than I thought I was going to—see? I mean to say, you're a—no, well different and innocent coming and all, you've kinda got me going, in a way. See?"

"Different?" she questioned, with a note of hope.

"I'll tell the world you're different. Say, listen, hon, and I'm talking on the square to you now—see? No line or anything like that—see? I'm talking like a pal, straight goods. You're as different from the run of girls as—well, say, if you'll excuse me getting kind of flowery, you're as different as a little innocent violet from one of these big gaudy cabbage roses—see?"

"You are as different as a modest violet from a flaunting crimson rose." Perfect material for Ermintrude.

"Howsomsoever," said Earl, and from where in the world he dragged all that word it is hard to tell. "I got to say, in justice to myself, Frankie, that I ain't altogether to blame for kind of getting off on the wrong foot, as the saying goes. Listen, hon. I'm a man of the world, myself—see? (A man of the world! Mary-Frances breathed deeply over that.) And—well, that's what I kind of am. A man of the world. Now, there's a lot of things you wouldn't understand. I know that now—see? But I wasn't sure of it before, and that's why I'm going to say something to you. I may not get thanked, but just the same I think the world and all of you— (The world and all! My! Ermintrude, he said.)—and I'm going to tell you that you're taking chances when you make dates with strangers and all like that. Course, in my case, it was all right—see? Absolutely. I'm a good judge of character and all—see? But the next guy might be a bad egg or anything. It sure gets me going. Frankie, a girl of your type and all taking such chances."

"Oh, but, Earl, I don't! I never did before. You are the very first one I ever did speak to or anything."

(To be Continued.)

THE PREMIER.

GOING TO UNDISCLOSED HEALTH RESORT.

London, Feb. 24.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is recovering after his operation, but is leaving London on Wednesday for three weeks' rest at an unnamed south-west of England resort.

Sir John Simon has left for Geneva to attend the Disarmament Conference.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

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SHIPS' PIRACY GUARDS.

SHIPPING COMPANY'S ACTION AT HOME.

The right of the Crown to demand payment for the services of troops used for the protection of British shipping against piracy in Chinese waters was discussed in the Court of Appeal, at Home, before Lord Justice Scrutton, Lawrence, and Slesser, last month as already cabled.

The China Navigation Co., Ltd., appeared from a decision of Mr. Justice Rowlatt, in the King's Bench Division, dismissing an action which they brought against the Attorney-General claiming declarations that they were under no obligation to pay for such services.

Sir Leslie Scott, K.C., and Mr. Valentine Holmes appeared for the China Navigation Co.; and the Attorney-General (Sir W. Jowitt, K.C.), the Solicitor-General (Sir T. Inskip, K.C.), Mr. W. Lewis, and Mr. S. O. Henn Collins (instructed by the Treasury Solicitor) represented the Crown.

Sir Leslie Scott said piracy had always more or less existed in Chinese waters, but since the war it had become a very serious menace.

On the high sea and along the Chinese coast, it took the form of internal piracy. Pirates came on board as passengers, and at a suitable opportunity suddenly attacked and overpowered the officers, ran the ship into a pirate lair, and looted it. People were also taken prisoner and held to ransom. Many ships had been pirated, and there had been great loss of life and property.

Successful Methods.

Various methods had been adopted to deal with the menace, and finally naval or military guards were put on board British vessels. This had been completely successful in preventing piracy. At first the shipowners were required to pay the messing expenses of the guards put on board their ships, and to this they did not object, but since the spring of 1930 they had been compelled to pay the whole of the expenses of the guards so used.

The shipowners' contention was that this expense was covered by the House of Commons vote, to which they contributed as taxpayers, and there was no power, statutory or otherwise, which entitled the Crown, in its executive capacity, to require payment for that service.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—Can ships sail without guards, or must they take them?

Sir Leslie Scott.—They can do it.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—Why don't they do it?

Sir Leslie Scott.—Because it is not safe.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—That is their lookout, is it not?

Sir Leslie Scott.—Yes. He admitted that if the Crown refused to put guards in the ships the shipowners would have no remedy.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—How many ships are there engaged in this trade?

The Attorney-General.—About 200 passenger ships.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—How many men were required per ship?

Sir Leslie Scott.—Depending on the size of the ship, from an N. C. O. and six men to an N. C. O. and 12 men.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—That is, taking an average, about 2,000 men would be required from the Army in the Chinese Command.

Sir Leslie Scott.—That is not a matter for this Court.

Under Master's Orders.

Counsel read a specimen of the standing orders for guards in the ships, which provided: "You will come under the orders of the master of the ship."

Lord Justice Scrutton.—That is putting his Majesty's forces under the command of a private citizen. It is rather an odd proceeding.

Sir Leslie Scott.—It is a War Office order.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—You are really asking the Government to protect you against your own passengers, whom you carry for profit.

Sir Leslie Scott.—I cannot dispute that proposition.

Lord Justice Lawrence.—If you decline to carry Chinese passengers there would be no danger of internal piracy?

Sir Leslie Scott.—I admit these things definitely.

Lord Justice Slesser.—But you say it was in their discretion, and if they decided to assist you they can't charge.

Sir Leslie Scott.—Precisely.

Burden on the Crown.

Sir Leslie Scott, in further argument, said that both he and Mr. Holmes had searched to find if the Crown had any statutory authority to demand payment for protection given by the armed forces, and they had been unable to find any.

The burden in law and fact lay with the Crown to show the existence of such power, and they could not do it, he submitted, unless they could point to a statute or a judicial decision recognising the existence of such power.

Lord Justice Scrutton said he had reason to believe that in India, in some cases where English troops were called out to help the civil power, a claim was made on the municipality for payment, and that was true.

But there was no evidence of that, and the Court could not act on it, though he had been told of an actual case.

Sir Leslie Scott.—That may be merely an evidence of the humility of the municipality.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—I have not noticed any evidence of humility in Indian municipalities.

Sir Leslie Scott contended that a contract by a subject to pay the Crown for armed forces for protection was a legal impossibility.

Case for Crown.

The Solicitor-General arguing the case for the Crown, contended that the question of the extent of the duty of the Crown to afford protection was not a matter which could be considered by the court. History showed that there was a long established practice to make charges for forces used for protection, and the status confirmed the impression that such practice was lawful.

There was, he submitted, nothing to prevent the King from disposing of or employing his forces how and where he liked, and to receive payment for services rendered to what extent he pleased.

Subject to the control which was exercised by Parliament, the King had absolute direction and command of the army, which included power to dispose of men or stores as he might direct. The Army and the Admiralty had by long practice sold surplus stores, including obsolete ships. There was no direct statutory authority to do that, but there was plenty of statutory recognition of the legality of the practice.

What applied to stores he contended, applied also to men. Parliamentary control was still retained because all receipts had to be brought into account, and were scrutinised by audit. It would, he submitted, be subversive of the whole management and control of the army if the court were to come to the conclusion that it was illegal to receive payment for men or stores of the armed forces of the Crown.

The Solicitor-General, continuing his argument for the Crown, said that there was historical proof of the fact that for a great many years payment had been received by the Crown for the services of its troops. There was, he submitted, nothing in the Army Act diminishing the power of the Crown in that respect and with regard to the disposal of the army.

Lord Justice Lawrence.—If the military were asked to come to the aid of the civil authorities do you say they could say, "Yes, we will come, but you must pay us." Suppose, say, that the police were unable to deal with a situation. Do you say that the military authorities could say that?

The Solicitor-General.—A matter of constitutional political right I should say "No." It is a matter which would be discussed in Parliament.

The Labour Battalions.

The Solicitor-General added that during the war the War Office raised battalions of dock labourers and transport workers, who were wholly enlisted and paid by the War Office. The War Office charged the shipping and transport companies ordinary trade union rates for the services of these men.

Sir Leslie Scott said there was no evidence about this.

The Solicitor-General replied that it was a matter of history.

After a consultation, Lord Justice Scrutton said the Court thought it was important to know past practice with regard to payments received for naval and military services. The case must be adjourned for this to be ascertained, and he suggested that the Crown should furnish a statement of what an official of the War Office could prove.

The Attorney-General said he would get the War Office and the Admiralty to make exhaustive researches and communicate the result to the other side.

Sir Leslie Scott said his own investigations led him to think that the field of inquiry was very wide. He hoped his clients would be given facilities for making inquiries.

The Attorney-General said he could not give any undertaking, but he had no doubt the authorities would be prepared to afford reasonable and proper facilities.

Lord Justice Scrutton said the case would be adjourned to carry out the inquiries which had been indicated.

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H.M.S. CUMBERLAND.

CARRYING OUT EXERCISES AT SEA.

H.M.S. Cumberland left yesterday morning to carry out exercises at sea.

The warship's departure has given rise to rumors here to the effect that it has left for Shanghai to assist in the execution of all British subjects. Enquiries at naval headquarters last night, however, elicited the information that everything is normal, and with the exception of one destroyer, no warship is under orders or on short leave. It is always the usual practice to keep one destroyer in readiness to proceed immediately to sea, merely as a precaution against pirates.

H.M.S. Cumberland will not return to port for another seven days.

Commons Statement.

London, Feb. 24.

In the House of Commons, Lord Stanley, for the Admiralty, announced that no further British warships were being sent to Shanghai.—*Reuter*.

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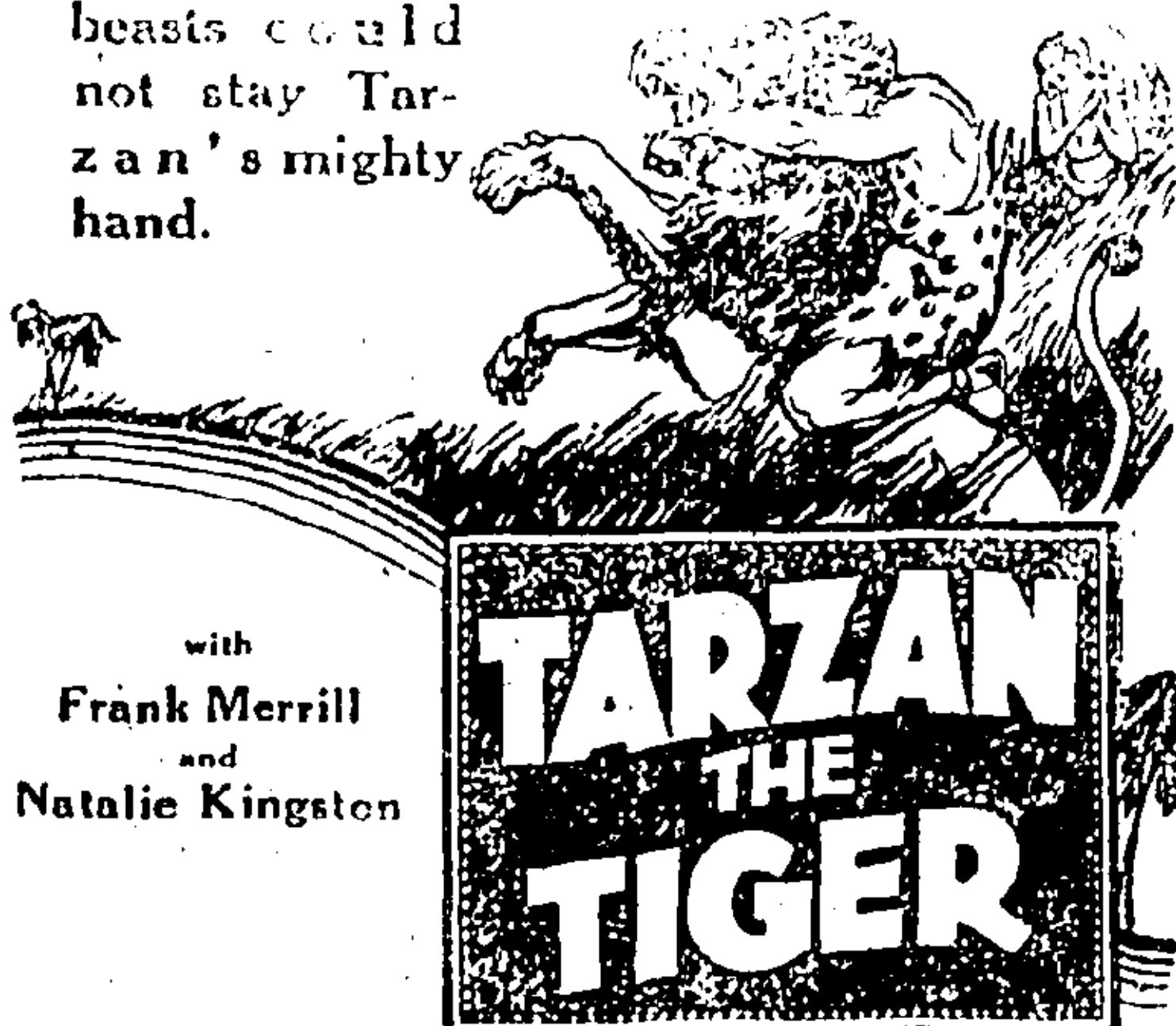
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ARMY COUNCIL AND A BAND.

FAMOUS NAME MUST
BE CHANGED.

The Army Council has informed the Luton Red Cross Band that the title it has borne for the past 40 years must be altered. It has been discovered that the use of the words "Red Cross" constitutes an infringement of the Geneva Convention Act, 1911, which lays it down that the term is internationally restricted to Army medical services.

In their ultimatum, the Army Council informed the band that if it eliminated the words wherever they were used and gave an assurance that there would be no further contravention of the act, it would hear nothing about the matter.

For many years, the band, under its offending title, has competed at the Crystal Palace Band Festival, and in 1922 won the thousand guinea trophy there. It is also known under that name to thousands of wireless listeners, and in the parks of London and Midland towns. It is searching for another name.

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FOUNTAIN PEN GUNS.

HOW U.S. GANGSTERS
ARE IDENTIFIED.

Fountain pens which squirt bullets are among the weapons favoured by U.S. gangsters, according to a syllabus of the New York Police College, published in the current issue of the "Police Review."

The syllabus states that a gunman is easily identified by his bullet-proof vest. He is fearful of being captured when armed, and is generally dogged by an accomplice—usually a woman—who carries the gun.

Gang leaders are generally killed in trying to finish with crime after making their fortunes. They are only safe as long as they stay inside their cars of armour-plate and bullet-proof glass, whose doors cannot be opened from the outside.

SIR ARTHUR DU CROS.

£420,000 FAMILY SECURITIES
LENT TO HATRY.

"OUR LOSSES ARE
ENORMOUS"

Sir Arthur du Cros, formerly managing director and chairman of the Parent Trust and Finance Company, Ltd., answered questions at the company's annual general meeting at the Whitehall Rooms, London.

As to his remuneration, he said: "I and my family are probably the largest group of shareholders in the country and our losses are so enormous that any remuneration I have received is absolutely trivial."

He and his family, he added, advanced to the Hatry group £420,000 in marketable securities, to assist them in an operation which was regarded as of national importance. Would they have put their money into that scheme if they had not believed in it?

No Gamble.

They had also placed at the disposal of the Parent Trust £370,000 of their own securities, of which £26,000 was taken and used for borrowing purposes for legitimate business.

Questioned about Hatry, Sir Arthur said: "This company did not gamble with Hatry. Our co-operation was given him for a legitimate purpose, and in a legitimate way; that is, by way of loans and guarantees covered by deposited securities."

£1,689,278 Loss.

Mr. E. L. Payton, who presided, said that when the Hatry scheme was brought out, those promoting it were proclaimed as benefactors. He had looked into most of the transactions in which the company was involved, and in face of the then conditions it looked like a reasonably sound business risk. But he did not think the old board should have risked the position of the company in one transaction.

The accounts of the company showed a loss of £4,689,278 for the period from May 1, 1929, to Sept. 30, 1931, and, according to a printed review of the accounts by the chairman, £3,000,000 of that

M. MAGINOT'S DEATH.

ALLEGATIONS IN
FRANCE.

Paris, Jan. 29.

Nationalist hysteria has found a new motive in the circumstances of the death of M. Maginot. The most extraordinary rumours are being circulated to the effect that the late War Minister was the victim of a political attempt.

It was first suggested that M. Maginot, who died of typhoid fever, had been poisoned. Now, however, a new accusation is being made. A few days before falling ill M. Maginot was in a motor accident, his car being hit by a taxi while he was hurrying from a dinner party to the Chamber. M. Maginot refused to lodge a complaint against the driver of the taxi, but after his death one of the dead Minister's military staff brought a charge of negligent driving against the man.

The police in consequence reopened the inquiry, and the driver was subjected to a long interrogation. According to his statement, which is confirmed by his wife, who was in the taxi at the time, he was driving slowly round an open space in the Bois de Boulogne when the Minister's car, going at high speed, came out of a side alley and collided with him.

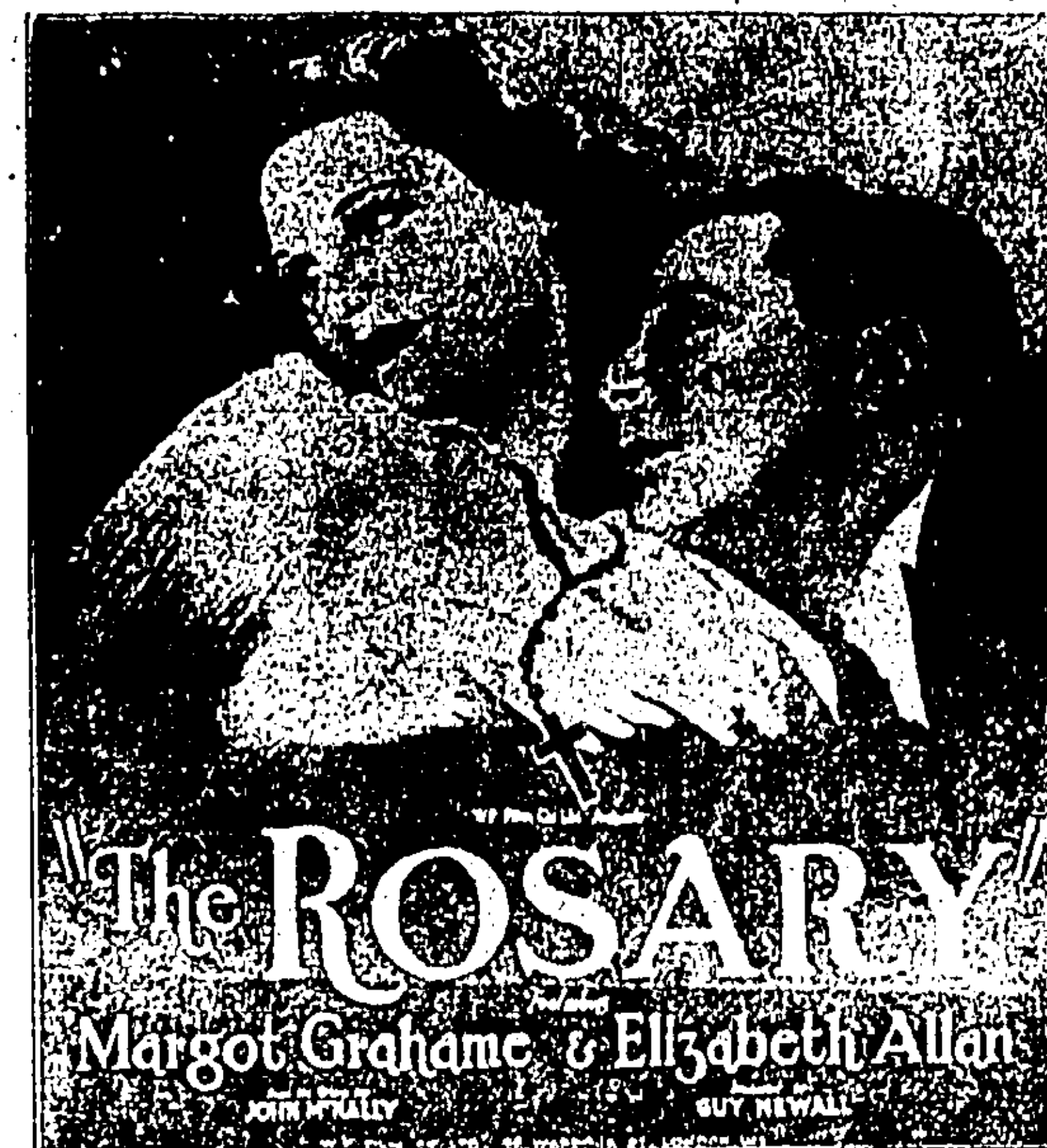
The shock was extremely violent and though no one was seriously hurt they were all badly shaken, and M. Maginot, besides, was cut over the forehead.

On learning these facts certain papers of the Right immediately jumped to the conclusion that the collision was not an accident, but a carefully-planned manoeuvre, and they are now openly alleging that before being poisoned by his political enemies M. Maginot was the object of a criminal attack. How his assailants could know that his car would be passing that particular spot at that exact moment—seeing that he was still supposed to be at the dinner party—nobody as yet has tried to explain.

amount was due to transactions connected with guarantees and loans to the Hatry group.

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Northcliffe Newspapers, Ltd., will take over the copyright and goodwill of the *Bristol Evening Times* and *Echo*, which will be incorporated in the *Bristol Evening World*.

Arising out of these arrangements the *Bristol Times* and *Mirror* will be incorporated in the *Western Daily Press*, which will be owned, as now, by Walter Reid and Son, Ltd., Bristol.

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CHINESE FLANKS HOLD ON.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 23, 1.33 p.m.

JAPANESE MILITARY HEADQUARTERS CLAIM THAT AFTER THREE HOURS OF DESPERATE FIGHTING, THEIR TERRIFIC ATTACK ON THE KIANGWAN FRONT BROKE THE CHINESE LINE AT MIAOHONGCHEN, TWO MILES TO THE NORTH OF KIANGWAN.

THE CHINESE RETREAT BEGAN AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK THOUGH THEY ARE GIVING GROUND SLOWLY. THE JAPANESE CLAIM THAT BY NOON THEY HAD ADVANCED A THOUSAND METRES FROM THEIR POSITIONS OF THIS MORNING AND "ARE STILL GOING FORWARD."

MEANWHILE, KIANGWAN HOLDS OUT AGAINST REPEATED FURIOUS JAPANESE ATTACKS.—*Reuter.*

FURIOUS FIGHT ON FOUR-MILE FRONT. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Feb. 23, 1.30 p.m.

Reliable reports from the Kiangwan battlefield indicate that the Japanese have smashed the Chinese defences near Miaohongchen and have made appreciable gains. The battle extends along a front of four miles and the Chinese flanks are holding on stubbornly, terrible losses having been inflicted on the troops who have vainly battered themselves against the Kiangwan village defences.

Reuter cables stating that Japanese aeroplanes yesterday dropped leaflets signed by Admiral Nomura, declaring that if the Chinese troops surrender they will be well-treated but if they hold out a grim fate for them is in store.

Shanghai, Feb. 25, 11.25 a.m.
The Japanese attack (reported to be meeting with success) was launched at eight o'clock this morning. It was indicated that the Command had issued orders that no effort was to be spared, the men of the Japanese Army were to make a desperate effort to break through the Chinese lines.

EVERYTHING USED.

A general attack was launched on the front, the Japanese using every available man, gun, aeroplane, tanks, etc., etc.

Despite the distance of the battle from the International Settlement, the booming of the guns was distinctly heard.

This is now a heavy concentration of Chinese troops at Kiangwan, and the indications are that this will be a bloodier day than Kiangwan has so far seen.

CHAPEI SITUATION.

Meanwhile, Chapei is far from quiet. The guns kept the Settlement awake all night and this morning has brought no relief. The activities now appear to be limited to artillery exchanges. There were several stiff brushes this morning, but now only a little fighting is going on.—*Reuter.*

Feng Yu-Hsiang.

Shanghai, Feb. 25, 12.30 p.m.
Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is expected in Shanghai to-day and it is rumoured that he will actively assist General Tsi Ting-kai in the direction of military operations.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Shanghai, Feb. 25, 7.28 a.m.
Dawn arrived on the fifth day of the Japanese offensive campaign to find all positions on all fronts unchanged, despite bitter fighting all day yesterday, hampered by swirling snows and icy North winds.

The Chinese forces fought back furiously and resisted the Japanese onslaughts successfully on all battlefronts.

CHAPEI SHELLING.

A desultory bombardment of Chapei proceeded throughout the night, and Chinese shells are falling occasionally in Hongkew and the Whangpoo River, sometimes whistling over the British Consulate.

All British ships are well removed from the danger zone.

JAPANESE EXHAUSTED.

It seems likely, according to experts, that the present stalemate on the battlefield may continue for several days.

An American military observer, in an interview with Reuter, expressed the opinion late last night that four days of heavy and unbroken fighting has left the Japanese troops exhausted, and in his belief, it is not very probable that their resources will be further taxed until reinforcements have arrived.

CHINESE ATTACK.

He did not imagine the likelihood of a further big offensive by the Japanese for the present, although it is possible that the situation may be reversed.

Signs are not wanting that the Chinese troops are preparing to take up the offensive in Chapei where they heavily outnumber the Japanese defenders.

The Chinese newspapers this morning report that thousands of Japanese troops landed secretly during the night, but enquiries in Japanese quarters elicited a flat denial of the report. The Japanese officials admitted, however, that reinforcements are on the way and are expected in the next day or two.

HUGE FIRE STARTED.

The China Press says that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is expected to arrive in Shanghai to-day in order to assist General Tsi Ting-kai.
(Continued on Page 7.)

THE WOMANHOOD OF CHINA.

RISKING LIVES IN WAR-ZONE.

ENCOURAGING THE TROOPS.

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Feb. 25.
Educated Chinese women in Shanghai are showing burning patriotism and admiration for the soldiers who are so stoutly holding their own against the Japanese.

Hundreds of wives and daughters of Chinese business men are now engaged in knitting sweaters, scarfs and mittens for the troops, who are feeling the biting cold of the morning frosts.

Red wool is mostly being used, as this is considered a lucky colour, while a special red sweater is being knitted for the national hero, General Tsi Ting-kai, the commander of the 18th Army.

Daily truckloads of these garments are being sent from the Settlement to the Chinese firing line, and each day a special party of young Chinese girls motor out to the Chinese lines, under fire, in order to encourage and cheer the troops.—*Reuter.*

TROUBLE FEARED IN SETTLEMENT.

MASS MEETING OF UNEMPLOYED.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 25, 11.45 a.m.
The police of the International Settlement are taking extra precautionary measures this morning to cope with any untoward development of a demonstration planned by unemployed workmen.

A mass meeting has been called to gather at the corner of Robinson Road and Pootoo Road. The demonstrators plan to inform the expected assembly that the workers collecting contributions for the Chinese army are being interfered with by the police. They will ask that this practice be stopped immediately.

G.W.R. AND ROAD COMPETITION.

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(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Feb. 24.

Shareholders' complaints of "unfair competition by road traffic" led to extremely lively scenes at the annual general meeting to-day of the Great Western Railway.

Catechisms, jeering and stamping punctuated the remarks of the speakers.

Viscount Churchill, who presided, said that the year's receipts from the railway and ancillary business had decreased by £3,207,000, but if the Government would realise and recognise that the railways ought to be protected from the unfair competition of the roads, the Company might safely look forward to a period of increasing prosperity.

THE KUOMINTANG SESSION.

C.E.C. MEETING AT LOYANG.

Shanghai, Feb. 25, 11.09 a.m.
It is learned from an authoritative source that the members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee who are staying in Shanghai, have decided to proceed to Loyang to attend the second plenary session of the Central Executive Committee on March 1st.

This decision is generally accepted as an indication that whatever misgivings a few of them might have entertained as regards the purpose of the plenary session are now dispelled.—*Reuter.*

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central to the north of the upper Yangtze Valley. Local forecast: North winds, strong; overcast at first, finer later.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. Nathan Moore, son of Messrs. Semet, 100, Nankin Road, Shanghai, to Miss Vera Genabauer, of the Peninsula Hotel; Mr. Max German, No. 82, Gloucester Building, to Miss Vera Farnolova, No. 10, Fung Fai Terrace, Happy Valley.

U.S. NAVAL THREAT TO JAPAN.

VITAL CHANGE IN POLICY FORESHADOWED.

Washington, Feb. 25.

"One of the most important pronouncements of United States' foreign policy in the past ten years," is the comment of the *New York Evening Post* upon a letter written by Mr. H. L. Stimson to Senator Borah.

The letter is held to indicate that upon an acceptable solution of the Sino-Japanese dispute hangs the whole policy initiated at the Washington Conference of leaving Japan the dominion of the seas in her part of the world.

It is suggested that if Japan abuses her position, the United States may abandon the above policy and build up her navy with bases in the Pacific to prevent Japan from attempting to dominate China and the immense potential market which China represents.

Indications of Congressional reaction to the naval angle of the situation is discernible in to-day's action of the Senate Naval Committee in reporting favourably on the Bill for building up the Fleet to the London Naval Treaty limits.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE DEATH OF U.S. PILOT.

Official Chinese Version.

HIS SECOND AIR ENCOUNTER.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 25, 12.30 p.m.
Chinese official sources give additional details of the death of "Dare-Devil Bob" Short.

It is stated that he voluntarily joined the Chinese Air Force a week ago, and he is credited with downing a Japanese aeroplane at Woosung on February 21, while his own plane, without being put out of action, was literally riddled with bullets.

The next day, he attacked the Japanese planes which appeared over Soochow and was trapped between two fires.

The Chinese authorities suggest that he be given a military funeral, and the posthumous rank of Colonel, but state that should his mother instruct that the body be sent to the United States, the Chinese Government will defer to her wishes.

EXCITED MOBS IN SWATOW.

TWO JAPANESE ASSAULTED.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Swatow, Feb. 25, 11.45 a.m.
There was wild excitement in Swatow last evening on the receipt of a telegram regarding the Japanese reverse in Shanghai.

Two Japanese employees of the Taiwan Bank were assaulted in the Kialat Road, and the police had to rescue them from the hands of the angry mob, though their injuries are not grave.

The Japanese Consul has lodged a strong protest and the Mayor will probably apologise.

It is stated that additional Japanese destroyers are now on their way to Swatow.

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"L.G.'S" SEAT IN HOUSE.

ILLEGAL PRACTICE EXCUSED BY THE HIGH COURT.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Feb. 24.

Mr. Lloyd George, the leader of the "Opposition Liberal Party," is only now able to take his seat in the House of Commons to which he was elected in October last.

This was made possible to-day through a High Court decision, excusing him, on the ground that the offence was purely technical, from the offence he committed by omitting to lodge his declaration of his election expenses within a specific time.

Mr. Lloyd George was ill during the election campaign and afterwards went on a trip to Ceylon to recuperate.

It was only discovered that he had been guilty of an illegal practice a fortnight ago.

REWARD OFFERS TO SNIPERS.

\$100,000 FOR GEN. UYEDA.

(Our Own Correspondent).

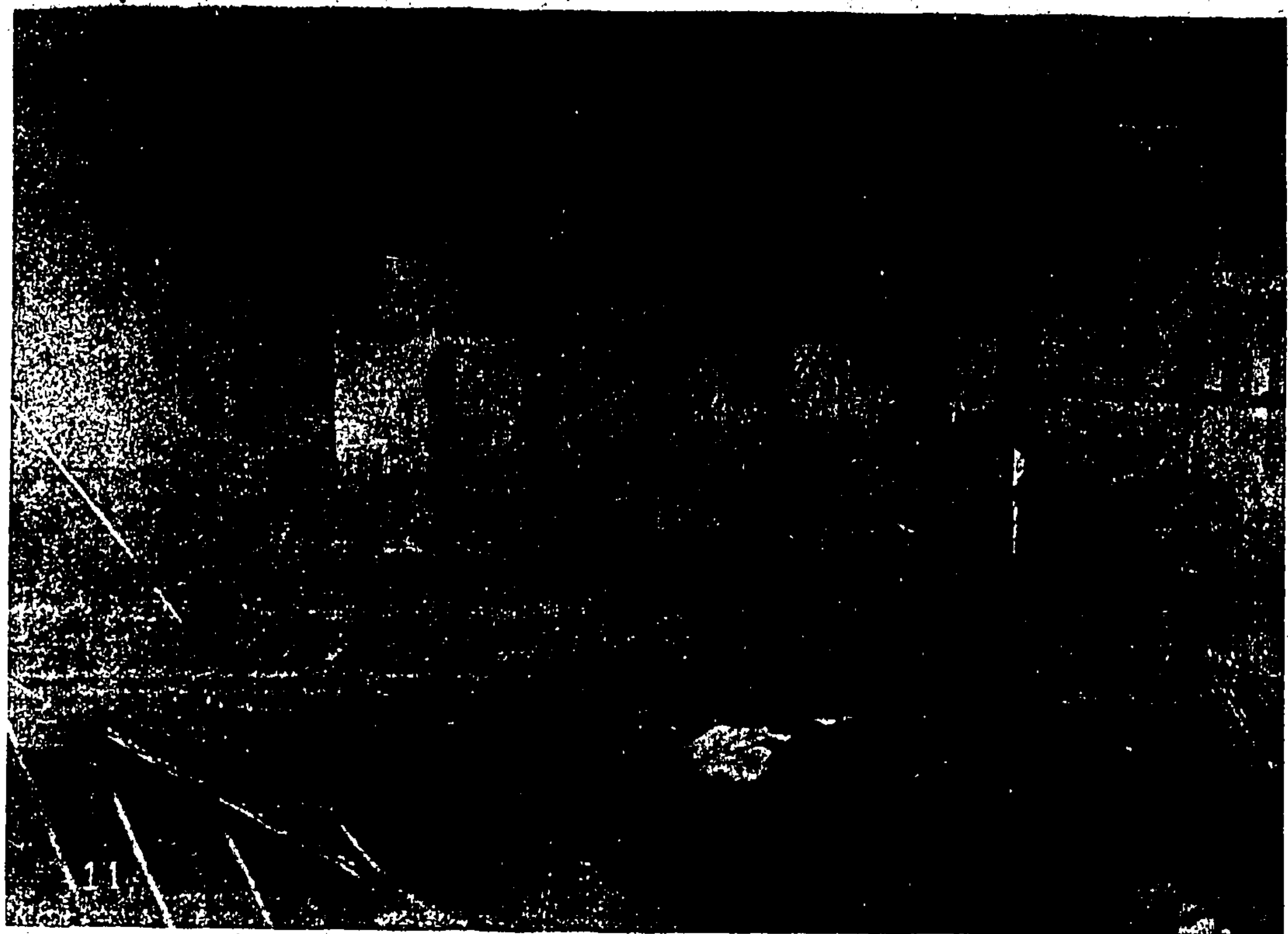
Shanghai, Feb. 25, 12.30 p.m.

The Wangtaopang railway sheds are now being used by the Chinese for the storage of ammunition and a forage supply depot.

The Japanese spokesman said this morning that, from February 14 to the 20th, seventy-five sniper suspects were arrested, but all but nineteen were freed.

The remainder, all men, were handed over to the Japanese military authorities. The snipers detained are always tried by the Japanese gendarmes.

He also related a story told by a captured sniper that the Chinese authorities had offered large rewards, including \$100,000 for General Uyeda's head, \$50,000 for any regimental command, and \$25,000 for the Chief of Staff, and \$10,000 for any other staff officer.



Words are not needed to describe this picture which shows a section of the Paoshan Road. Gaunt blackened walls stand amid ruin and desolation with hundreds of dead bodies about and torn electric and telephone wires, barbed wire and sand barricades.

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PUBLIC MONEY.

VOTES FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO-DAY.

Votes to be recommended to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-day call for a total sum of \$58,418, of which the biggest item is \$30,000 for water meters in Kowloon. This however, is only an adjustment of the 1931 Estimates. It is explained that a sum of \$50,000 was approved to supplement P.W.R. Hongkong, Sub-head 6 Item 3 Water Account (Meters). This was incorrect as only \$30,000 should have been voted for Hongkong and the balance should have been allocated to Kowloon. It is requested that out of the \$50,000 voted for Hongkong the sum of \$30,000 may be debited as above as the meters are required for Kowloon and New Kowloon and have been issued accordingly. Of the balance of \$28,418, the sum of \$28,333 represents the recent anti-Japanese riots, viz.:
Postal Censorship \$ 540
Hire of lorries 136
Expanded metal guards to certain Police Stations 2,905
Sundry expenses 52
Allowances to Police Reserve 2,692
Allowances to Volunteers 894
Expenditure by Naval Authorities 2,636
Expenditure by Military Authorities 2,237
Travelling Expenses including motor bus and car hire 7,306
Board and lodgings for guards, meals and refreshments 1,951
Sundry expenses 495
Contingencies 1,879
\$23,633

Other Items.
Harbour Department, Conveyance and Motor allowances \$1,600.

One of the recommendations of the Committee appointed by Government to enquire into the efficiency or otherwise of Government launches was that one launch from the Government Marine Surveyor's Department should be laid up, and that the number of Conveyance Allowances to Assistant Government Marine Surveyors should be increased from six to ten. These allowances are \$480 per annum each.

To pay these four additional allowances for the period 1.3.32 to 31.12.32 the sum of \$1,600 is required.

The immediate saving in a full year from the laying up of the launch will be \$5,953.

It is proposed to review the position after twelve months.

Harbour Department Special Expenditure, New Water Boat for Tai O Station \$375.

The Tai O Station Water Boat, built in 1927 became unserviceable early last year. An old confiscated sampan was sent out in its place, and that has now become unserviceable.

The estimated cost of a new boat required for that Station is \$375 for which application is now submitted. This expenditure was approved in 1931, F.M. 13, Item 112 of 1931 but too late for the work to be carried out before the end of the financial year.

Public Works Extraordinary Garage, Arbuthnot Road \$910.

A sum of \$5,000 was included in the 1931 Estimates (H.31, S.H.24) for this work. An amendment in the design was made which raised the tender to \$5,850. The work was commenced in October but could not be completed by the end of the year. It is now practically completed and a vote is requested to meet the final accounts and retention money.

Secretariat for Chinese Affairs: 1. Personal Emoluments. Salary of Chinese Writer for 1932 \$1,900. The post of Chinese Writer in the S.C.A. was left unfilled after the retirement on pension of Mr. Lau Pak-tun on 11.3.30, and no provision for filling the post was made in the 1932 Estimates as it was thought that suitable departmental arrangements could be made.

It has been found, however, that the work of the S.C.A. is

HONGKONG SNAKES.

MANY VENOMOUS SPECIES FOUND LOCALLY.

Members of the Medical Society of the Hongkong University listened with great interest to a lecture on "Snakes of Hongkong," delivered by Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz, yesterday afternoon, and afterwards were given the opportunity of examining live and preserved specimens which illustrated several of the examples mentioned by the lecturer.

Dr. Herklotz, in opening his subject, explained that it was a very large one, and that as there was no easy method of telling apart a venomous snake from a non-venomous one, it was only by knowing the species themselves, and thus avoiding confounding them with harmless varieties, that the problem of recognition could be solved. The venomous snakes of Hongkong were common to south-east China, though there might be a great range of variety of harmless species in different districts. In other parts of the eastern tropics other venomous species might also occur, and it would be well worth the time spent if a doctor from Hongkong, who went to Singapore, learned to recognise the venomous species of Malaya in addition.

Snakes Cannot Cry.

The Reptilia, said the lecturer, was the highest developed class of the cold blooded vertebrates, and included the crocodiles, turtles and allies, lizards and snakes.

In describing some of the peculiarities of the snake, Dr. Herklotz said that a snake cannot cry, or rather that it cannot shed tears except through its nose, for the tears were drained off into the nasal cavities along special ducts. The nose was well developed and the sense of smell was acute. The tongue was harmless and should not be, as it often was, confused with the fangs. Swallowing might take hours, as it was a process of getting outside the food. It was well to remember that a snake had no hands or paws with which to force food into its mouth. Snakes were intelligent, but most of them were of a morose disposition and did not care for company, even of other snakes, and therefore did not make good pets.

Late Governor's Experience.

The most primitive living family of snakes, the Typhlopidae was fortunately represented in Hongkong, while the Python was also an inhabitant. Sir Cecil Clementi, late Governor of the Colony, once told him that at Shek O, he saw a python that had swallowed a deer.

The doctor made reference to the eight non-venomous species of Colubrine which occur locally, and added there were others which were not so common. The rest of the snakes he would mention were venomous, and included the Naja Cobra, which was common in Hongkong and the New Territories. He had secured specimens from Victoria Peak, High West, Aberdeen, Stanley Peninsula, Stonecutters' Island, Kowloon, foot hills and Tai Po. A specimen over three feet in length was rare in Hongkong. Generally, young cobras were much more savage than the adult, the young ones being inexperienced, while the older ones knew it was wise to move away from man. The local name was Farn Tsau Tsau, meaning the head of a wooden rice spoon, and was a snake well known to the Chinese who valued its gall highly. The gall bladder must

severely handicapped by the absence of a writer with the special qualifications necessary for this work.

The officer for whose appointment financial provision is now sought will in addition to his duties as writer share in the work of press censorship, thus effecting the retraining of one of the censors hitherto employed.

M.C.L. CHARITIES.

BRIDGE, MAHJONG AND TEA DANCE.

The Victoria and Kowloon Branches of the M.C.L. and M.C.L. Charities are holding a bridge (contract and auction) and a mahjong party on the first floor and a tea dance on the roof garden of the Hongkong Hotel (by kind permission of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.) on Tuesday, March 8 from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Tables may be booked for bridge and mahjong, for which separate prizes will be awarded. Lady Peel has very kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the function. Tickets \$2 each include tea. The hotel band will play for the tea dance.

During the afternoon a football, played by many distinguished people and presented by Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, will be auctioned.

be taken out of the snake whilst it was alive, and he had watched the operation on more than one occasion. The flesh was also eaten.

Tips on Treatment.

After making reference to the various other varieties of venomous snakes found locally, Dr. Herklotz said that treatment with a specific anti-venom was the only certain remedy, but none was available locally. Mixtures for the Colubrine and the Viperine groups were prepared in Batavia, Bangkok and Manila, and he thought a supply should be kept in Hongkong.

For emergency treatment he advised the following:—Apply a tourniquet immediately above the wound (not to be left on for more than one hour), then make a deep incision in the wound with a razor blade and rub in Potassium permanganate crystals, and take the dead snake to the nearest doctor at the double. Do not take alcohol in large quantities. There were several treatments, which the qualified doctor could carry out, injection of adrenalin or pituitrin, and injections of lime water to decrease the permeability of the blood vessels to encourage clotting and to counteract the de-sensitizing properties of the venom. The treatment was different for different snakes, so anyone bitten was strongly advised to take the snake to the doctor. It was not for him to tell doctors or medical students how to treat snake bites, but if he could ever help them in the identification of a specimen he would be delighted to be of assistance.

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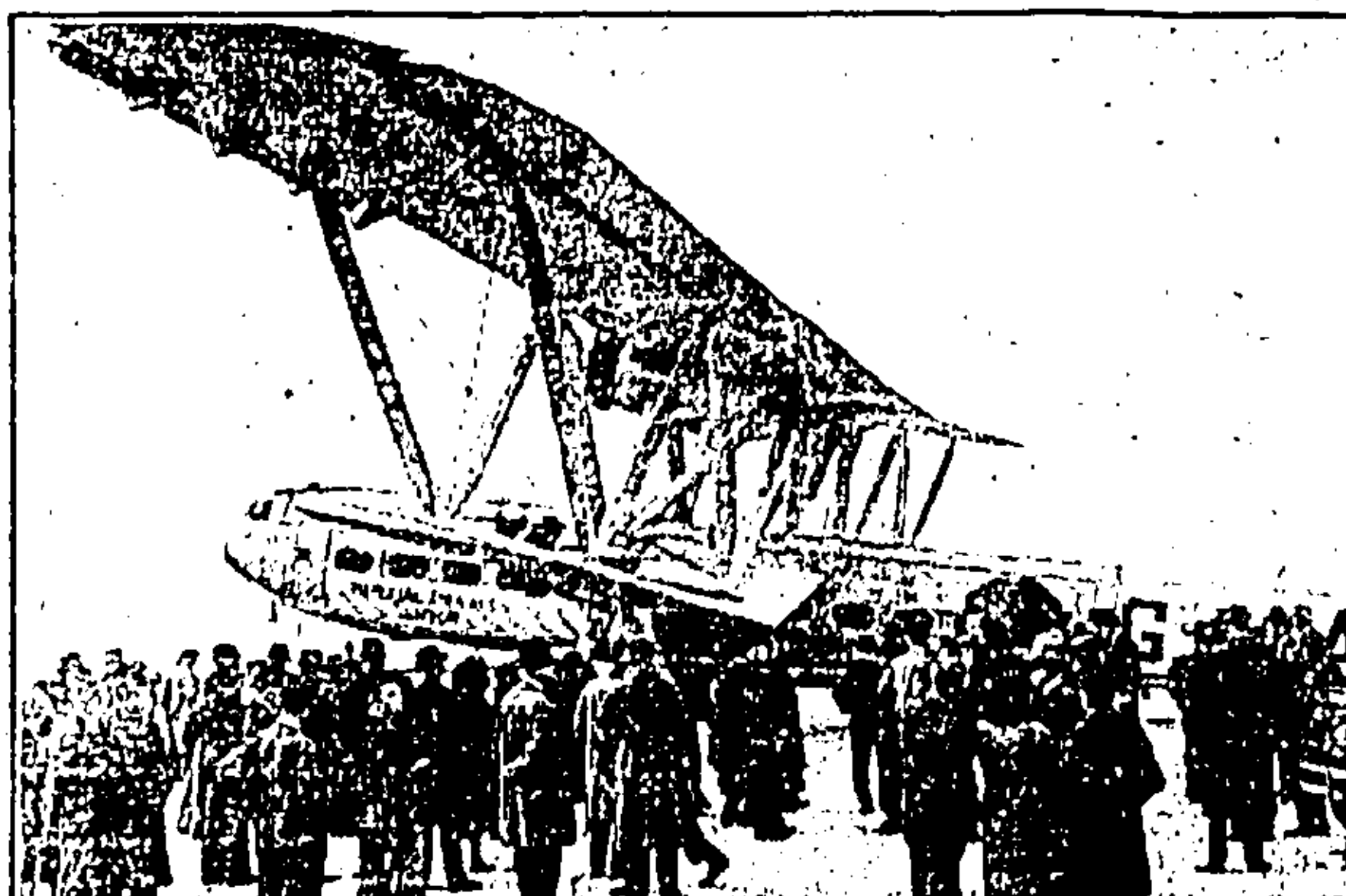
BERKSHIRE CHILDREN RIDE TO HOUNDS: GUARDSMAN MARRIED.



A children's meet of the South Berks Hunt at Wall Barn Farm, near Moulton. Picture shows hounds and field moving off to draw the first covert.



Captain J. Lancelles and Miss Betty Manners were married at the Guards chapel on Jan. 23, when the above picture was taken. (Times copyright).



The scene at Croydon at the inauguration of the Air Mail to the Cape. The air liner Helena is seen shortly before its start on the first stage. (Times copyright).



General Franz von Epp, mentioned as Hitler's nominee for the Presidency. Hitler has now decided to try himself.



Mr. Oliver Wendell Holmes is pictured above (left) attending the opening of the 72nd Congress. He will be 81 years of age in March, the oldest man ever to sit on the U. S. Supreme Court bench.

THREE KINDS OF LOVE by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Anne, Cecily and Mary-Frances Fenwick live with their grandparents, one of whom is a wealthy man. Cecily's entrance into the household. The sisters have been orphaned since childhood. The grandmothers are known respectively as "Daisy" and "Gertrude" and they insist on keeping up pretensions of their former wealth.

Anne, 24, and Cecily, 22, do secretarial work and Mary-Frances, 15, is still in school. When the story opens Anne has been engaged to Philip Fenwick, young lawyer, for eight years. They can not marry because Anne knows her father and grandmother depend on her to manage their home.

Cecily brings Harry McKiver home to dinner with her. She is falling in love with him. Mary-Frances and her friend, Ermintrude, are excited about the arrival of a stock company actor known as Earl De Armount. They meet him on the street and agree to meet him that night after the performance.

Phil telephones Anne, asking her to go on a picnic. She refuses because it is too late to look at home. Phil, annoyed, takes Letty King, a fling clerk, on the picnic.

CHAPTER XIV.

Cecily owned but one pair of evening slippers—spike-heeled, pert, narrow things of black satin with tiny imitation cat-paw buckles—but unfortunately they were a size too small for Mary-Frances. She had put them on at nine o'clock. She dared not take them off for fear she could not crowd them on again, and they pinched her tiptoes cruelly and did burning things to her heels as she crept, each step a fluttering trepidation, each squeaking board cold, pumie, absolute, through the long upper hall, past the bathroom, past Anne's door with its frightful streak of light, past Cecily's room, and the east spare room, and the west spare room, and went stealthily limping down the back stairway.

She and Ermintrude had decided earlier in the evening that an ethereal effect was more important than conventional, fashionable attire, and since her last summer's white dresses were each of them several inches too short ("How that child does grow!" she wore the White Grecian robes that she had worn for her solo dance in parents' assembly, and an old white chiffon scarf of Rosalie's, long discarded, was strung about her shoulders.

All during the evening, until the past half hour, Mary-Frances had been composing speeches for herself and for Earl—though chiefly for Earl. The slippers had brought pictures of fairy feet, and parts of that poem which Rosalie sometimes repeated: "Sweet, thou hast trod on a heart—empty, empty, something or other about men, finishing chivalrously, 'Women as fair as thou art must do such things now and then.'"

Not that Mary-Frances intended treading on hearts, now or ever. Her views concerning women who did such things, heartless

girls and coquettes, were bitterly derogatory. But, of course, it could easily turn out that it had had all been a terrible mistake and misunderstanding, and that the lady had not really trod on a heart at all. The scarf, while its ravell'd edges had been reverently kissed, had produced references to angels and things high above—the type of womanhood most approved by Mary-Frances. But, for the past half-hour, all that had been put aside, and forgotten. Mary-Frances had become possessed of but one purpose and one resolve: to get to the walnut tree five minutes after half-past 10 to keep those pretty slippers on if they killed her.

She kept the slippers on, teetering tortuously on the high heels down the gravelled driveway. She reached the walnut tree at precisely 25 minutes to 11.

Earl was there. Earl was waiting for her under the walnut tree. An astonishment in itself, without the additional bewilderment of finding a new Earl, an impetuous, whispering person, who said, "Aw, you sweet baby, you," and captured her icy trembling hands and held them firmly while she responded with only an odd, low, croaking sound.

"What's the matter, baby? You're shaking all over. I wouldn't hurt you for the world—see?"

"I never did this, you'd hurt me," she replied with a choice little dignity. "I—I guess I'm just kind of nervous or something."

"Excited to see me, baby?" He kept hold of her hands and began drawing her closer and closer to him.

It was cold, and his arms and woolly coat felt nice and warm; there was an enticing odor, like passing a barber shop, with an added whiff of wintergreen, and Mary-Frances said, "No man ever kissed me on my lips before." It was not a boast, nor was it an accusation. It was a statement of circumstance made more to herself than to Earl.

"Cripes!" he said, and his voice was husky. "Some little sweet baby. I'm crazy about you—no fooling. Crazy—see?"

Mary-Frances drew away from him. It was time now to talk. She loved him, of course; but vaguely something seemed to be the matter with something. Her feet hurt, and standing on tiptoes made them hurt worse; but that was not the trouble. Possibly there was no trouble—really. How could there be so soon, and with a great love like theirs? How could she have rather the same feeling that she'd had last Friday evening when the girl had

made a mistake and served her the vanilla parfait instead of the pineapple one, she had ordered? Mr. Hill wouldn't let her send it back, because she had eaten the whipped cream off the top before she had discovered the mistake. Vanilla in place of pineapple is disappointing.

"Stingy!" he rebuked. "You aren't going to be a little stingy, cold baby, are you, sweetness?"

Mary-Frances said "Don't," and stood on her heels to ease her toes for a moment. "I guess," she added, "I'd better go back in now."

"Say! You got a date with the ice trust or something?"

"No. I just kind of thought I'd better go in now."

"Cripes! You can't go rushing off now. What was the use of me coming all the way up here? You give it another think, baby. Don't you do it. Don't you go in now."

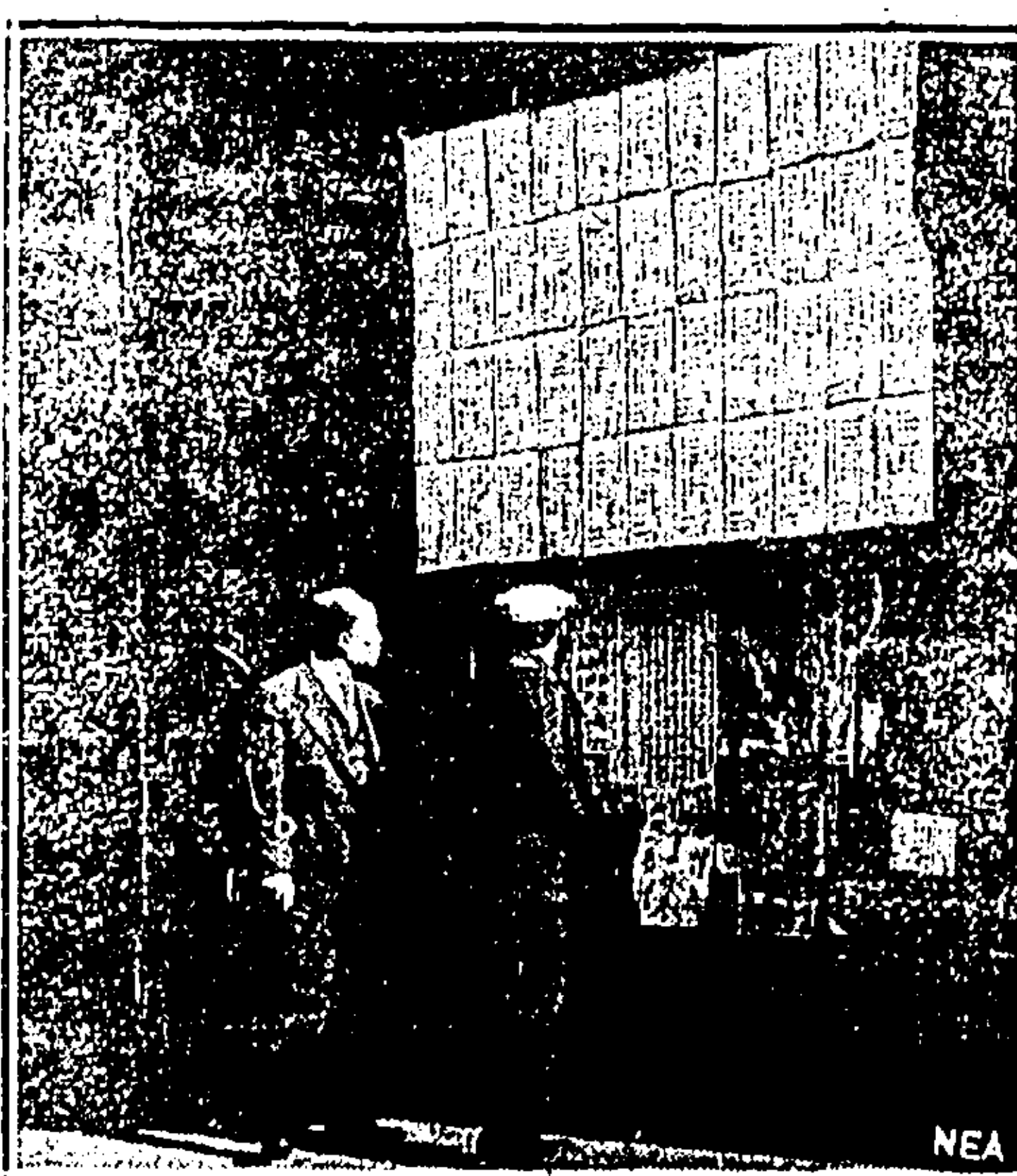
He was beseeching her to stay. It was thrilling. "And then he beseeched me to stay," she could tell Ermintrude. Nonchalance savoured with winsomeness. It sounded easy, but how exactly should she go about it? "Why do you want me to stay?" she asked.

"I was just telling you, wasn't I, that I was crazy about you and all? Wasn't I, baby? And then you got stingy and go rushing off on me before we got time to make friends or anything. Just crazy about you, sweetness, that's me."

"Will you love me forever and ever?" she asked. She thought that he had told her that he loved her. Things were not disappointing any longer. She was keeping her first treat, and it was Life and Love and Living and everything.

"And how!" he vowed, and tried to kiss her again.

"Don't," said Mary-Frances. "Aw, gee whizz!" she complained. "Frances" elucidated. "We can't make friends like you said, nor



This picture taken in New York recently shows Chinese reading an inflammatory notice, demanding the boycott of all Japanese products.

get acquainted nor anything."

"Snap out of it," he urged. "Say, listen, baby. We wouldn't be kissing if we wasn't friends already, would we?"

Mary-Frances pondered that for a moment. "Well—no," she admitted. "I guess what I mean is that so many things are so much more interesting than kissing."

It was Earl's turn to ponder, and he did so for a moment before he produced his first sincerity of the evening. "Cripes!" he said

"If you aren't the darnedest funny little kid!"

Ermintrude must never know. No one must ever know. (It must be kept always a secret smarting in her breast like that old Spartan fox. Dignity softened with coyness? Mary-Frances had no present disposition for coyness.

"Well, Mr. DeArmount, I must say! 'If that's what you think about me, I'm glad you told me before it was too late, and we'll

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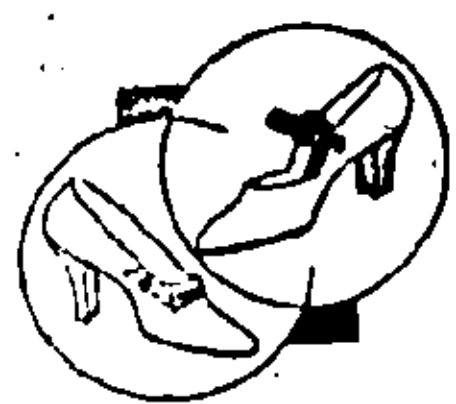
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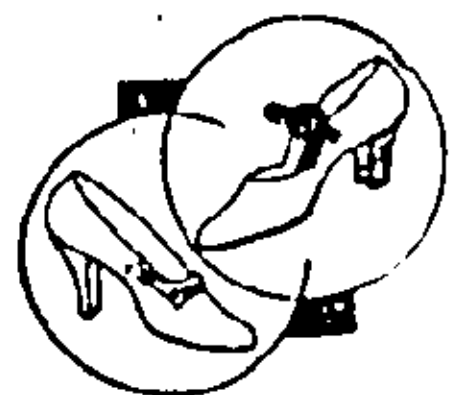


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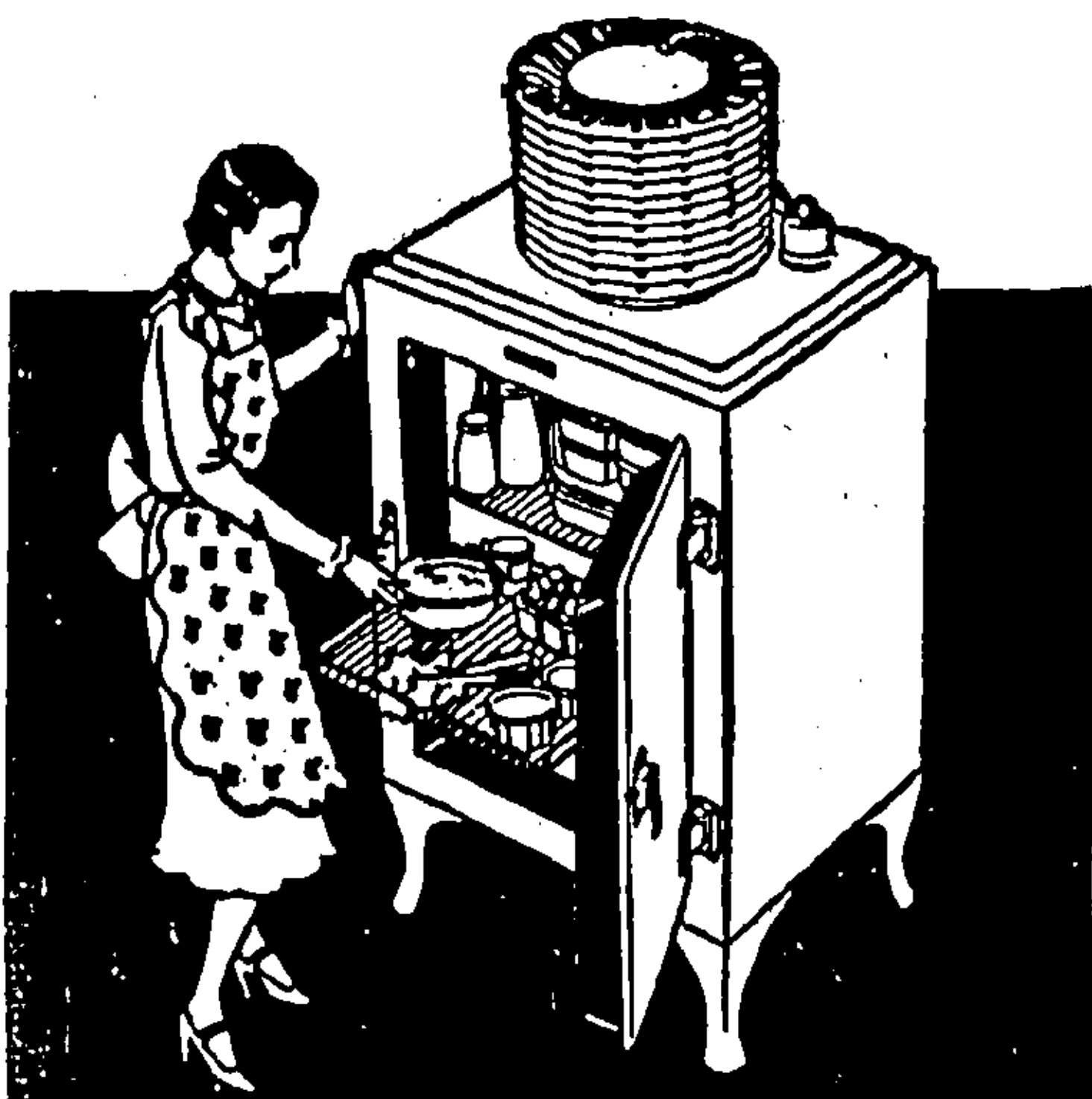
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WOMEN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

END OF THE DAY GOWNS.

GIVE FEMINITY TO NEW MODE.

(By Rosette Hargrove.)

The novelty of the season is the lace afternoon gown. With styles generally so strongly inclined to the ultra-feminine, it is not surprising that such a dainty medium as lace has come into its own again. Undaunted by the general trade depression, the French lace manufacturers have never before offered such a choice of novel ideas and every couturier has taken advantage of this opportunity.

The new dull surfaced laces made a timely appearance in connexion with the end-of-the-day gown. Few women invited to a formal afternoon function or a cocktail party relish the idea of rushing back home to change if dinner at a fashionable restaurant is to follow or if the party is prolonged into a picnic meal and bridge. An ordinary silk afternoon frock, however smart, is apt to appear a little too informal as the evening wears on, and that is why the Paris couturier created the lace afternoon frock.

Modernly Triumphant in New Laces.
Machine-made laces can be very favourably compared to-day with any of the so-called classical hand-made laces such as Chantilly, Irish lace, guipure, point d'Angleterre, needlepoint and others. While all the old-fashioned patterns are still copied, the modern offer newer designs and are equal in beauty.

Bauer, one of the leading lace manufacturers in France, created for this season a cotton lace with a shiny surface specially



A Chantal afternoon ensemble of tulle and lace.

designed for day wear. Combining the weight of cotton with the appearance of silk, this makes an ideal medium for a late afternoon frock, as it can be tailored as ordinary dress fabric.

Chantal offers a charming afternoon or informal dinner ensemble of lace and tulle combined that is proving immensely popular. It is carried out in shadow tulle that looks like applications of mousseline at a distance. The dress fits the figure closely well below the hips where a rather wide flounce is attached. Four rows of flat tulle ruching decorate the hem of the skirt, which stops well above the ankle. The top of the dress is composed of a tulle yoke with a transparent effect, slightly decollete in a square both front and back. Over this is worn a short, straight bolero with moderately wide sleeves. A formal hat of velvet trimmed with uncurled ostrich plumes completed the ensemble, which could be worn under an afternoon coat of cloth trimmed with fur or a fur coat. Without the bolero, the dress is sufficiently dressy for an informal dinner party.

Couturiers Avail Selves of Varied Laces.

Worth has an afternoon two-piece gown of silk and cotton lace in a pastel pink and Lelong shows one in the new midnight blue and two in dark brown. Patou has one in the new caroub brown. Another of Bauer's novelties is his Angel-skin lace, dull surfaced pattern. Still another is his "velvet" lace, all silk, that looks like embossed velvet.

Wool laces in minute modernistic floral designs are used for informal afternoon frocks but more especially for blouses, sweaters and, in the larger patterns, for contrasting cuffs and collars on dark dresses.

Many informal evening gowns are fashioned of lace and tulle combined of two-coloured laces. Worth has one very successful model in a fine black lace with an emerald green lace yoke, sleeves and deep scalloped band hemming the skirt.

Jenny has an interesting collection of afternoon gowns combining crepe de chine and lace, the latter introduced in the form of encrustations in the bodice in the form of transparent yokes, bows and intricate insertions.

Lace is an ideal fabric for the young as well as the older women. A black lace dress is always an asset. It wears well, seldom gets tired-looking and does not get old-fashioned as quickly as the more fashionable silks and velvets.

FASHION NOTES.

On Handling Trains.

The new Paris evening dresses in the formal category allow no slouching, either at the shoulders or the waistline. The weight of the body must be where your athletic instructor advised you to place it, i.e., on the ball of the foot, or every line in the evening clothes will slither and go awry.

The train must be handled expertly, both when you walk and allow it to trail on the floor behind, and when you take it in hand.

Some smart Parisiennes have been seen handling trains this season as if they had been born to it, and they seem to like the job. It is a job, with the skirts as narrow as they are this season. The compensation is found in the supreme slenderness and grace of the silhouette which has not a break in it at waist or hip-line.

Evening Gloves and Slippers.

Evening gloves, like everything else in the evening mode, go to extremes, being either very long or very short. Long gloves—16 and 18 buttoned lengths—are usually worn with formal toilettes, and short gloves with informal clothes, though there is no hard and fast rule about it.

Evening slippers this season are made of satin or brocade, rather than of crepe-de-Chine, and they are prone to elaboration, with straps, jewelled buckles, and slides 'and buttons as decoration.

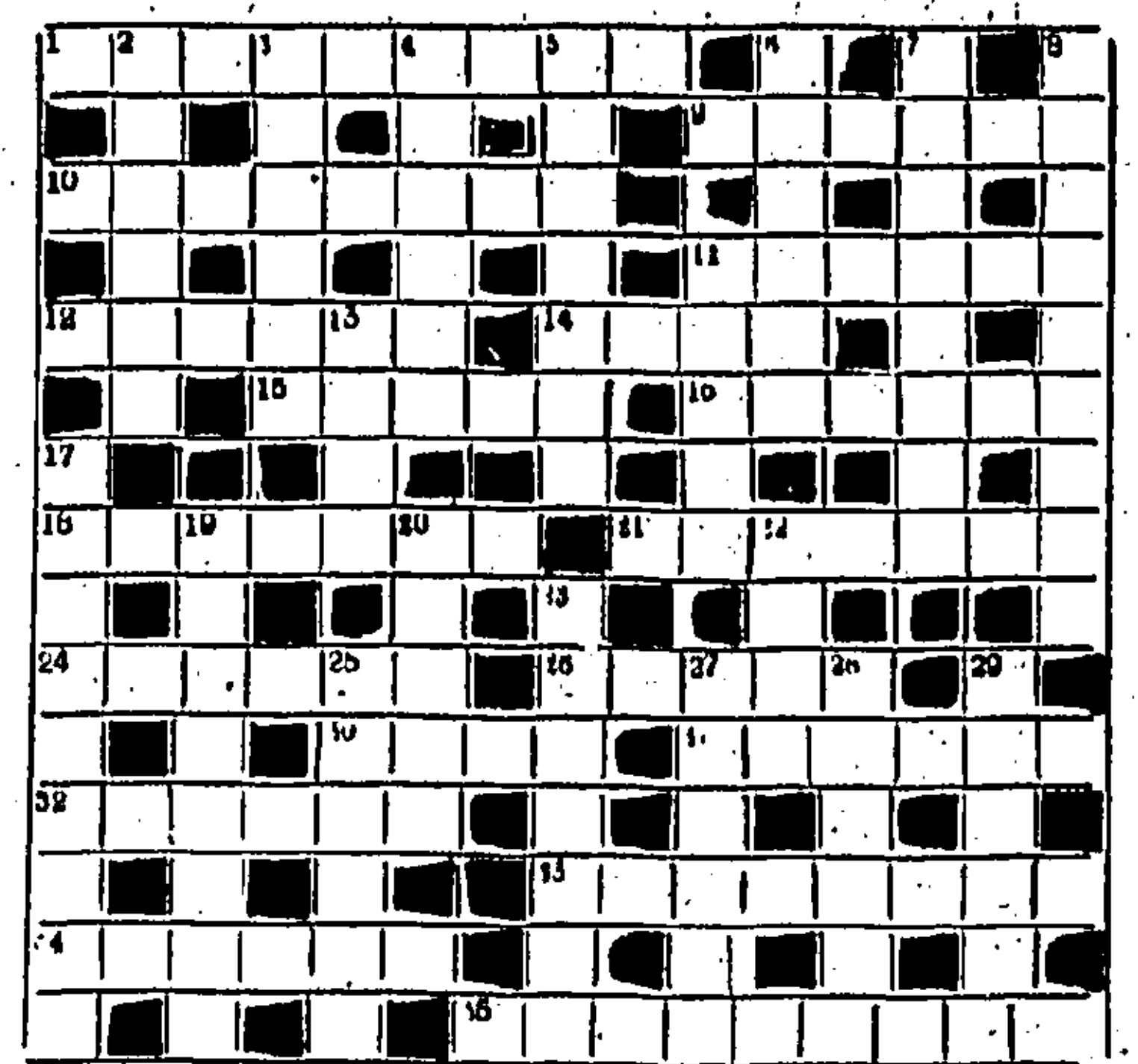
The habit of matching the slippers to the frock continues, and women also wear gold or silver brocade sandals.

New Evening Suit!



Brand new is the full-dress evening suit for women. Raggy Rouff makes the trailing skirt and short coat with puffed sleeves of dove grey velvet and the blouse of pink satin with a tiny golden floral design.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 The head of this London suburb will be found on the outskirts.
- 9 What Shakespearean character says, "If music be the food of love, play on?"
- 10 Very lively, and when Sal is there first, very soothing.
- 11 Why attack? The silly fathend isn't well.
- 12 Give nothing to the angel.
- 14 I am not—as our forefathers said (two words).
- 15 Carries considerable weight, I see, as well as being invigorating.
- 16 After five a zodiacal sign brings about changes.
- 18 The Mohammedan Bible.
- 21 He made an English Princess a Spanish Queen.
- 24 Turn back here.
- 25 I have to frighten you here.
- 30 Some good points about Eastern Europe.
- 31 First I am reminiscent of a cow, then of a bull, and, altogether, we get quite tied up.
- 32 This household may be turned into a school for horsemanship with very little effort.
- 33 To make an attempt beyond the river will result in productive labour.
- 34 Number.
- 35 Undoubtedly, the second is contained in the first, and both are essential to sound.

Down

- 2 Do a bun? There's abundance here.
- 3 A road runs for almost the entire length of this heavenly object.
- 4 Puts the minnows in the shade.
- 5 "I am race," but it might be more correct to say, "I am many races" (anag.).
- 6 You must always take a rest in the middle of the run—ridiculous though it may sound to those who know it.

- 7 Where expansion is necessary.
- 8 "How's it impossible to have a—on this line?" "Well, sir, there be only one train."
- 11 Though naturally cool and not easily moved, its work tends to make it heated.
- 13 What a scowl! But with a change of head it would just be right for a game of bridge.
- 17 What is "it on my arm"? Fancy calling the bridge "it" (anag.).
- 19 It may be all very well as a bargain, but there's something not straight about the bakery.
- 20 Sounds a suitable game for the royal household in ancient Egypt.
- 23 Describes no dwarf. This is about all, I can say—and rather disjointed, I'm afraid.
- 25 Wrinkled—and no wonder, if it did. But I don't believe it did.
- 27 The use of this developer, far from improving the general health, has quite a negative effect.
- 28 Give Moses a bob for the cryptograms.
- 29 This will give you a headache, and you'll come to a snifter end. (So early in the New Year, too).

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MACAO CHINESE.

TAKE PART IN THE CRACKER CELEBRATION.

Macao, Feb. 24.
The Chinese community at Macao have been following the movement in Shanghai with very keen interest, and lose no opportunity to show their enthusiasm over any Chinese successes in the struggle between China and Japan. This was displayed in a special manner yesterday evening when information reached the colony that the Chinese had gained certain important points in the struggle, and crackers were fired all over the city by the enthusiastic Chinese of Macao.

Subscriptions in aid of victims of the fighting have been collected, and a big sum of money is known to have been remitted by the Macao Chinese for the relief of sufferers. Many refugees from

LEAGUE EXPENSES.

BRITAIN'S CONTRIBUTION OVER £1,000,000.

London, Feb. 24.
Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Capt. Eden said that the expenses of the League of Nations down to the end of 1931 were £11,000,000, of which Britain's contribution was approximately £1,080,000. — *Reuters' Special Service.*

Shanghai have found their way to Macao and are being accommodated by the local charitable institutions.

The Portuguese transport, the Gil Ennes, has been ordered to proceed to Shanghai to bring away women and children in case such a necessity should arise, and will be leaving Macao at an early date. — *Our Own Correspondent.*

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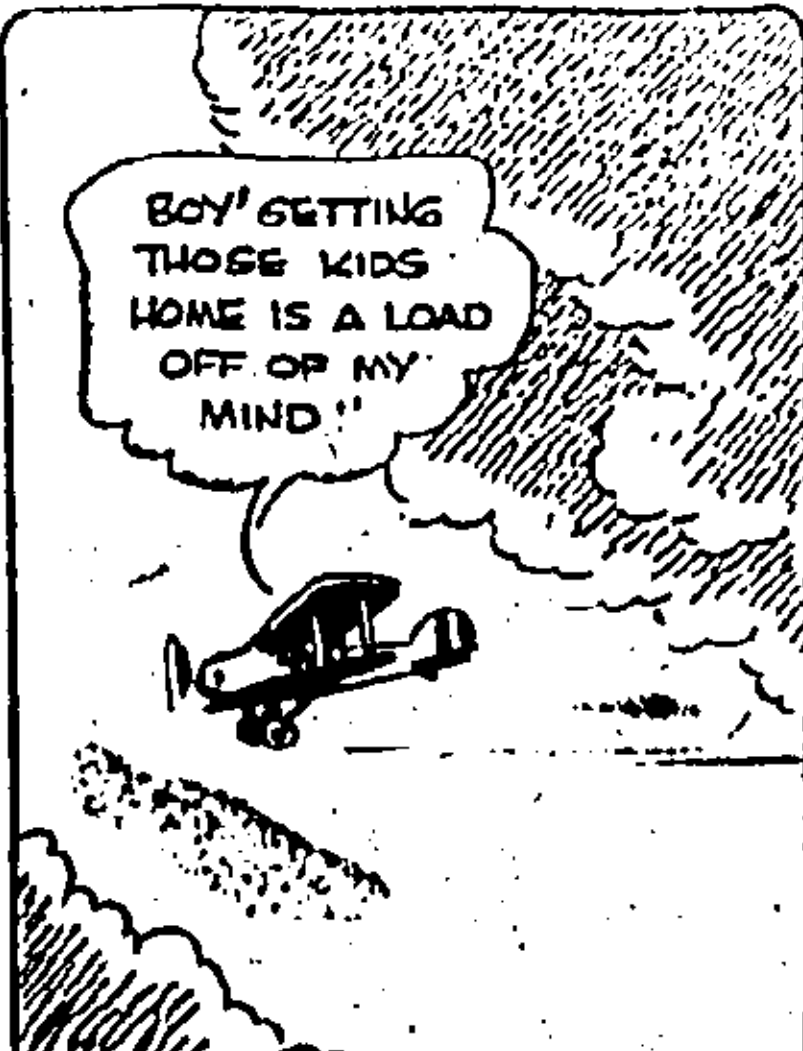
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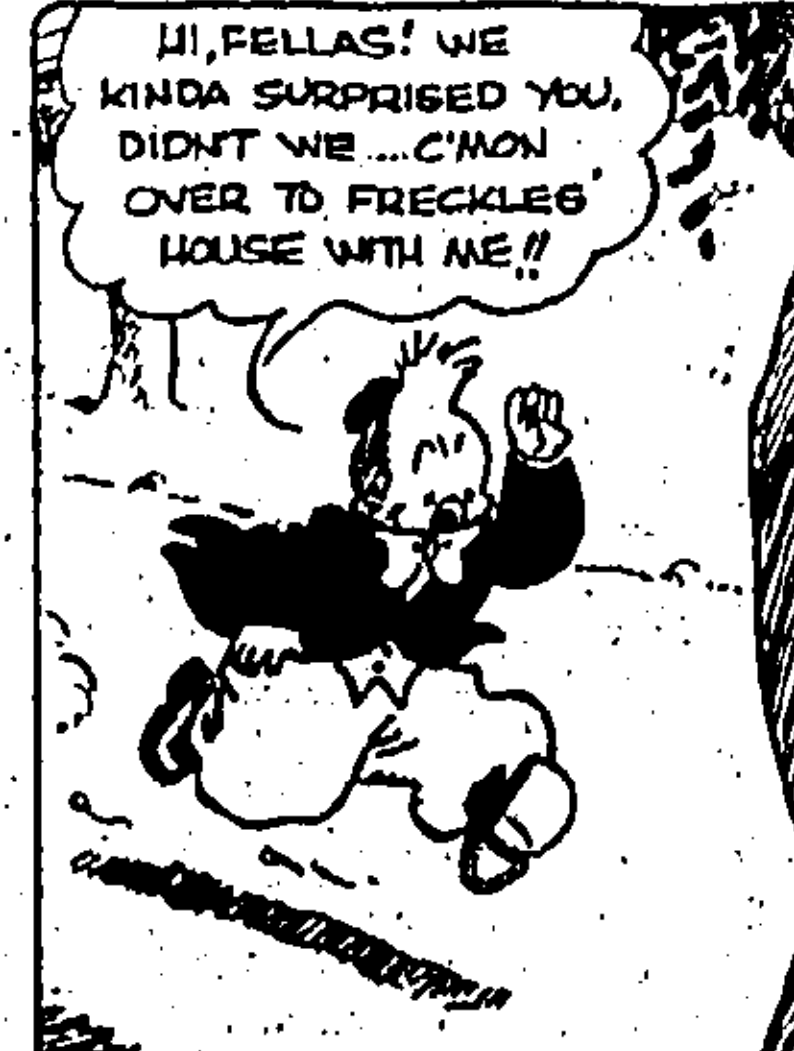
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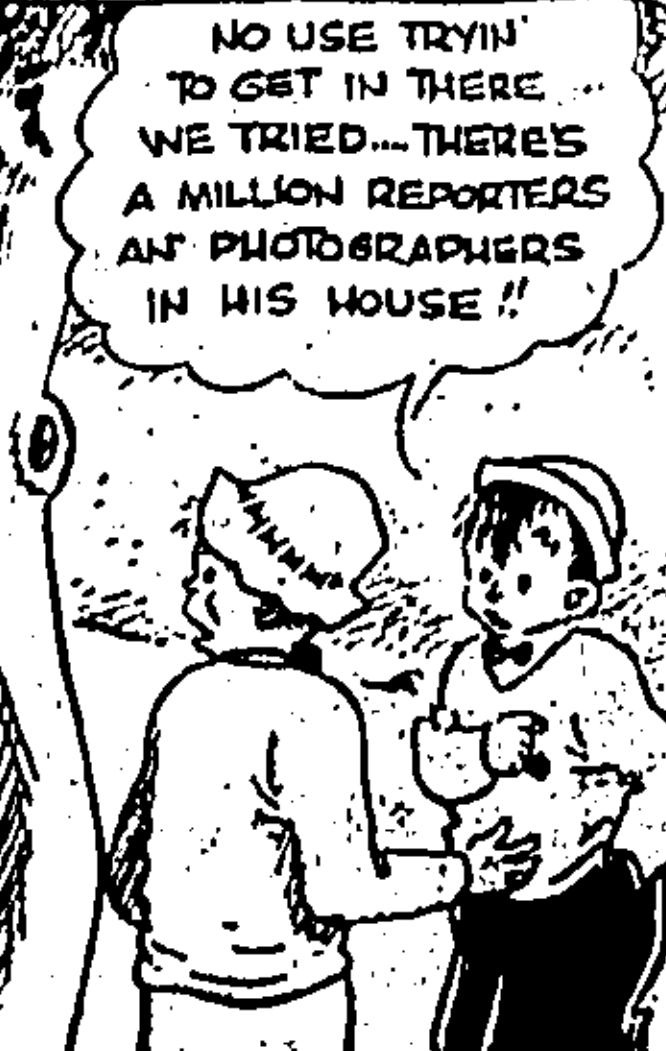
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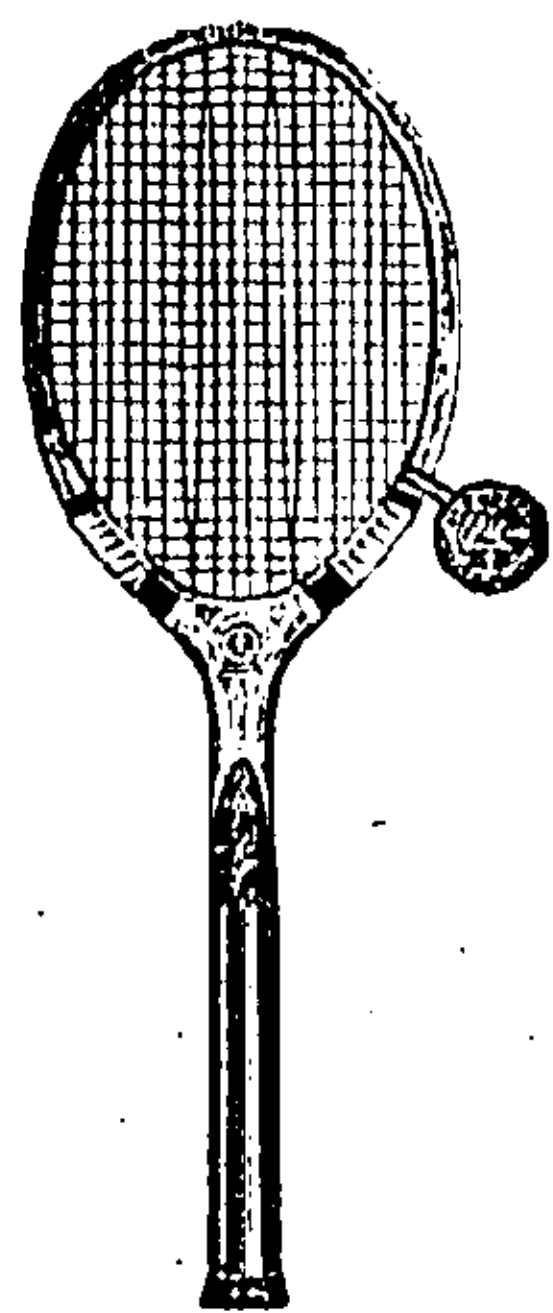
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THE DISARMAMENT OUTLOOK.

With real warfare proceeding in and around Shanghai, the General Committee of the Disarmament Conference is at present sitting in Geneva, in an endeavour to attain some basis of agreement for arms limitation which shall be acceptable to all the Powers. Important issues are due for discussion, notably on the security question, raised by France. So far as Britain is concerned, the view expressed recently by a former First Lord of the Admiralty will probably find wide acceptance, namely that unless there is general and complete disarmament, of which there is no hope, Britain requires an absolute minimum naval strength, but that absolute minimum is, of course, always qualified by the relative strengths of other Powers. If, therefore, agreed ratios between all the Powers concerned could be reached, there is no reason why a move should not be made by general percentage cuts. But the question is, "Will France agree to limit her naval strength to figures which are reasonable in relation to the figures adopted by the United States, Japan, and Britain in London?"

The French attitude on disarmament is, vocally, strongly in favour, but in practice it is governed by the magic word "security." She refuses to make any really substantial reduction of arms until the other signatories to the Covenant have given such interpretations of Articles 8 and 16 of the Covenant as would, in her judgment, make her absolutely immune from attack. It was in endeavouring to satisfy that spirit that Italy and Britain entered into the commitments of Locarno, which, in spite of the Briand-Kellogg pact on the outlawry of war, could, nevertheless, land them into a legal war. The point which needs to be stressed and fought out if real progress in disarmament is to be made is that Great Britain and certain other countries, having put their signatures to the League Covenant, and to the Briand-Kellogg Pact, and to the Optional Clause, are prepared to take the risks involved in reducing armaments, relying upon the additional margin of safety secured by the various covenants, pacts and understandings. France, up to the present, is not prepared to take that risk, and, as Mr. A. V. Alexander recently pointed out, the fact has to be faced. As far as one can see, France would be prepared to move if either (a) she could obtain another pact of the Locarno type which would give her what she considers to be security in the

Mediterranean, or (b) could obtain from the members of the League a definite interpretation of Article 16 of the Covenant which would more certainly commit members of the League to participate in a League war against an aggressor. In Mr. Alexander's view, to adopt the former policy would be wrong. Our responsibilities under the existing Locarno Pact are already great enough. It seems, therefore, that the Conference, if it is to make real progress in disarmament, will either have to find some form of words in connexion with Article 16 which will satisfy France and spread over the whole of the members of the League any contingent liability therefrom, or must persuade France that if countries like Great Britain are prepared, if other countries will do the same, to take the risks of peace, in the light of the existing covenants and pacts, she ought to do the same.

There are, of course, minor matters on which some progress could be made, such as the reduction of the size of capital ships, but obviously these are minor questions. The real issue is—have the nations now provided themselves with sufficient alternative means of the settlement of disputes other than by appeal to the arbitrament of war? If so, there is no case against substantial progress being made in disarmament, but until all the Great Powers are persuaded of this no such real progress in disarmament will be made.

Industry and Human Progress.

Is the industrial machine a benefit or a detriment to the civilization of the world? Such is the fundamental question raised by the economic blizzard through which the world is still battling hazily to an uncertain end. Reference has been made to the fact that the conquest of the physical universe and the development of power and skill through the machine have made available to the present generation an abundance of things undreamed of by preceding generations. The machine has created wealth. It has bequeathed to the average citizen a long succession of creature comforts. It is a fair question, however, whether this increase in wealth has been of equal benefit to all sections of society. It is the conviction of many people that, whereas the industrial machine has overcome certain limitations in modern social life, it has accentuated others. In the opinion of these people the high productive capacity of modern industry has given no answer to the problem of the distribution of wealth in accordance with the religious principles of justice and love. It has been too often true that the wealth created by the industrial machine has flowed back again into the hands of those owning the machine. By the same token not a sufficient amount of the surplus of the profits accruing to these individuals has been devoted to the task of guaranteeing the workers of the world against the economic evils of overproduction and unemployment. Society should not become so enamoured with the economic benefits resulting from the functioning of the machine as to become indifferent to the resulting problems of social justice. While developing horsepower it must not overlook the need of developing the moral power sufficient to meet the social requirements of a righteous world community. Religion and education must come to the aid of economics if this moral power is to be forthcoming. Justice to all must be the watch-word of the community that makes use of the machine—justice to Capital, to Labour and to the consuming public. The economic world stands at a crossroad. The direction should be decided not with the thought of emphasising the conditions of particular classes but with the thought of bringing to mankind as a whole that measure of social justice necessary to the prosperity and happiness of the entire community.

A young shop faki, Ng Hung-kong, of 425, Hennessy Road, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital last night suffering from a stab wound to the lower part of his abdomen which was inflicted whilst he was asleep. He suspects a fellow-faki, who has since absconded.

DAY BY DAY

THE THING THAT AMAZES ME ON OCCASIONS WHEN PUBLIC OPINION IS TOUCHED TO THE QUICK IS MAN'S CAPACITY FOR LYING.—Trotter.

The Ben Line s. s. Bendoran, from Home via Straits and Manila, is due here on March 1st.

Entries close to-day for the Hongkong Horticultural Society Flower Show which is to take place on March 3. Intending exhibitors should send their entries at once to the Secretary's Office at No. 11 Queen's Road Central.

A University Union debate on "That in the opinion of the House, the time for sex equality has come" will take place to-night at 8 p.m. in the Union Assembly Hall. Proposer, Mr. Raymond H. S. Lee; opposer, Mr. Wong Siew-Leng. Tea will be served after the debate.

A meeting of the Theosophical Society will be held at No. 17, Queen's Road Central, this evening, when Mr. M. Manak will give an address on "The Religious Beliefs of the Maoris of New Zealand." The meeting, which is open to the general public, will commence at six o'clock.

SHANGHAI'S HOUR OF NEED.

SURGEONS AND NURSES URGENTLY REQUIRED.

Acting on cabled instructions from the Headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, London, the local Assistant Commissioner is making arrangements to despatch nursing assistance to Shanghai, where such assistance is urgently needed in the hospitals.

Nurses who wish to volunteer are kindly invited to communicate with the Assistant Commissioner at King's College.

Cables from Shanghai state that surgeons and nurses are urgently required.

LAW OVERLOOKED.

INSURANCE COMPANY DISCLOSURE.

Another insurance society—the Royal Liver Friendly Society—is criticised in a report issued from the office of the Industrial Assurance Commissioner.

When a policy owner agrees to accept a new policy in substitution for an old policy an insurance company (according to Section 25 of the Industrial Assurance Act, 1923) must in most cases pay the surrender value of the old policy or issue a free paid-up policy of equivalent value. It is this section that has been overlooked. The society has now reviewed the whole of its new business since January, 1924, and as a result has authorised the issue of 96,695 free paid-up policies amounting to £131,357. The inspector agrees that the society made no attempt to conceal anything from him and had spared no pains to remedy the results of their past action or inaction.

BEAU ATKINS

Fickle Fashion's Way With the
British Army.

By R. J. T. HILLS.

In the "Report on the Health of the Army" for 1930, which appeared recently, Service dress was a subject of special investigation. Suggestions put forward included a new jacket with a turned-down collar, open at the neck in front, a drab Angora shirt to be worn with a tie, trousers in the nature of "plus fours" and gaiters of either canvas or soft leather. In this article Squadron Quartermaster-Corporal Hills, whose articles on the modern soldier are well-known, shows that, revolutionary though suggestions may seem, they are in keeping with a tradition of changing fashion in the British Army.

SO we are to change the fashion of our Army clothing. Newspapers declare that in 1932 the infantry man shall wear a collar and tie, that he is to wind up his puttees for the last time, and march gaitered to battle.

Little is new in an old army like ours. Collars and ties? Well, we've had stocks and lace frills. Gaiters? Our men got varicose veins and the rheumatics a hundred and fifty years ago through wearing their spatter-dashes too tight, and with the pipeclay wet on them.

Scottish regiments by tradition wear their white spats in memory of the Highlanders who marched to Corunna with their shoesless feet white-banded. Yet it is more feasible that the spats are but abbreviated spatterdashes.

The old red jacket is the hallmark of the British Line. Although it is the Royal livery, it was the colour adopted by Cromwell for his New Model. Strange that the only remaining regiment of his Ironsides is to-day "The Blues."

Continental armies have been our great models. Frederick the Great first evolved the theory that a man must be tight-laced to fight. There is an oft-told tale of how William the Conqueror, Marlborough, Wellington or the Prince Consort had in front of him a soldier of the Life Guards' Foot Guards' Balloon Section or Royal Marines, and asked him how he would wish to be dressed if he had to fight again at Hastings, Blenheim, Waterloo or Inkermann. The answer alone is constant, "In my shirt-sleeves, sir."

Our rifle battalions followed the German Jagers. Like them they wore the huntsman's green jacket, an early attempt at protective colouring. They even adapted the huntsman's horn to military use. Poniatowski's lancers brought their own uniform to La Grande Armée. British Lancers in full dress have the same Polish skull-cap and plastronned jacket. Certain of our Light Dragoons became Hussars. The dolman, frogged jacket and bushy of the Hungarian feudatories were theirs as well.



"Shay, Phil, I suppose the Colonel got mad and went home. He's nowhere on board."

We specialise in military millinery. It took decades of discomfort to rid us of the three-cornered hat. Grenadier companies escaped calling a rifle the difficulty of aligning a rifle over the broad brim. The tall grenadier caps received a trimming of fur. The fur grew into the racoon or bear skin.

The shako reigned for nearly a century, giving place to the Line Infantry headdress, which served until 1914. Ultra-Englishmen denounced this latter as a "pickel-hoube," and pleaded for a return to the real old English shako. Shako—chako—or even tachako? Can it be so very English? It has gone over the Border to the H.L.L. and the Camerons. Of all our military hat-fanciers the palm must be awarded to General Picton, who rode through the Battle of Waterloo in a top hat.

At no time were there so many changes in British uniform as under George IV. Changes followed change with such bewildering rapidity that one journalist was moved to ask each morning what particular regiment was mounting Whitehall Guard, as the Life Guards were new-rigged every day.

George IV. re-introduced the cuirass, not, as is sometimes claimed, in honour of the overthrow of the Curassiers at Waterloo, but as an adornment to a Carlton House Ball. The single-breasted tunic was taken into wear to allow the Waterloo medal to hang with greater distinction. This was the first general issue of a war medal to all ranks. The Peninsular Medal was an afterthought.

Some regimental dress distinctions are grants of honour. The bearskins of the Foot Guards—never to be called busbies—are not an evolution of the grenadier caps as such. They commemorate the gallantry of the Foot Guards and the rout of Napoleon's Old Guard at Waterloo, where the Grenadiers themselves also won their proud title. The Greys owe their eagle cap-badge to the same battle, in which Sergeant Ewart carried off an eagle from the French Foot. Somewhat recently, however, their sashes over the left shoulder, as officers used to do. On Culloden Moor all their officers fell—"Carry on, Sergeant."

The Red Hackle of the Black Watch is a white feather dipped in enemy blood. The hiding of King Charles II. in the Boscomb Oak is remembered in the oak-leaf motif of Life Guards' officers' laces. The black "flash" of the Royal Welch Fusiliers was once used to keep hair-grease and powder from clean red tunics. The regiment was on the high seas when the rest of the Army sheared off its pigtails and marched closed-cropped to Vimere.

Red tunics have always been carefully kept. The soldier must come clean to battle. On lesser occasions he often wore his coat inside out. An English troopship crossing to America for the Rebellion was fired on by a British Man of War. The soldiers' white coat-linings were taken for the Bourbon livery of France.

The almost universal scarlet of the Line caused the distinctive regimental facings to be fiercely valued. "Royal" regiments had facings of blue. Colonels of other regiments often adopted their own livery colours. The "Buils" and "Green Howards" are honoured in the Army List to-day. One old regiment, the 66th, had no such distinction. With a sarcasm truly English it took for itself the puce livery of the King of France's mistress. The 2nd Battalion Essex are the "Pompadors" to this day.

The year 1881 was a ruthless one in the Army—the year of the Cardwell reforms. "Away," said Mr. Cardwell in effect, "with all these fancy trimmings." Royal regiments, he decreed, were to keep to blue, English regiments to white, the Scots to yellow, and the Irish to green. He reckoned without the Army. Regiment by regiment they wheeled back their own facings.

With the disappearance of the Connaught Rangers, not an Irish regiment—excluding Rifles—has green facings. Yet eight English regiments are bedecked in carefully graded shades of that colour. Out of eight regiments wearing yellow, only two are Scots. Several regiments have buff, one, the West Kent, wears black, and one, the Duke of Wellington's scarlet.

The British Army appeared in a new role in the Great War. Having followed neatly after Continental fashions all its long life, it suddenly became the arbiter of elegance in a world at war. The

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REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF GENERAL MA CHAN-SHAN.

CHINESE NOTE TO JAPAN.

INDEPENDENCE OF TACHUNG.

Nanking, Feb. 25. The Foreign Office has lodged two protests with Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Minister to China, one against the independence movement in Manchuria and the other against the aerial attack on the Soochow air base.

The Note says that if the independence movement, which Japan is encouraging, materialises, Japan will be held responsible.—*Reuter*.

Tokyo, Feb. 25. A message from Mukden states that the Executive Council of the new Manchurian Government, in the presence of Pu Yi (Hsuan Tung, the ex-emperor), decided that the new State adopt a republican form of government, with a temporary Chief Executive.

The decision will be formally announced to-day.—*Reuter*.

British Attitude.

London, Feb. 24. Captain Eden, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the Commons, replying to a question regarding the declaration at Mukden of an independent state consisting of the four North-Eastern provinces of China, said that an Administrative Council had had been formed to formulate the details of the organisation and the constitution of the new government.

Since the declaration had been made by the local Chinese authorities, there appeared to be no ground for action by the British Government under the Nine Power Treaty.

On another question, he said he did not think any further Note, even if addressed to both China and Japan, would serve any useful purpose.

The British Government had already made their position sufficiently clear and the Japanese Government had given a definite assurance that they had no territorial ambitions and would uphold the principle of the Open Door.—*British Wireless*.

THE WHEAT QUOTA PROPOSALS.

GUARANTEED PRICE INCLUDED.

London, Feb. 24. The Government's Wheat Quota Bill, published to-day, aims at providing a secure market and enhanced prices for home-grown wheat of millable quality without a subsidy from the Exchequer and without encouraging the extension of wheat cultivation to unsuitable land.

The guaranteed price is to be 45/- per quarter of 504 pounds. A secure market is provided by imposing on millers a contingent obligation to purchase the stocks of home-grown millable wheat remaining unsold at the end of the cereal year.

The Bill sets up a Wheat Commission for the general administration of the scheme, and particularly to decide the quantity of home-grown wheat which millers will require, and a Flour Millers' Corporation to discharge any obligation imposed on the millers respecting unsold wheat.—*British Wireless*.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

VILLA AND LINCOLN WINNERS.

London, Feb. 24. Three postponed English League matches, played off to-day, resulted as follows:

First Division.		
Aston Villa	3	Wednesday
Third Division (North)		
Darlington	0	Southport
Lincoln	3	Carlisle

WUCHOW DOING ITS BIT.

TO HELP COMRADES IN NORTH.

Wuchow, Feb. 22. A printed appeal for funds to carry on the campaign against the Japanese is being circulated among residents here.

After enumerating the "misdeeds" of the Japanese, the circular goes on to appeal for funds. Students, merchants, soldiers, and

NANKING SENSATION.

CHINA'S "HERO" OF NONNI RIVER AND TSITSIHAR.

Nanking, Feb. 25. GENERAL MA CHAN-SHAN, the hero of the Nonni River and Tsitsihar battles, whose activities have puzzled both Japanese and Chinese in the last three months, is reported to have been assassinated.

A report reaching the Nanking Foreign Office from Harbin declares that Ma Chan-shan, who sprang into world prominence in a few days by the resistance which he offered to the Japanese first at Nonni River and later at Tsitsihar, has been murdered.

NOT CONFIRMED.

The report has not been confirmed from other sources, but the possibility has not been overlooked.

Ma Chan-shan, from being a national hero, has fallen low in the public esteem when he called up General Tamon, the diminutive Japanese commander who defeated him, and is reported to have expressed regret for having caused him "inconvenience."

He was again in Mukden recently, at a banquet given by General Honjo, though his refusal to stay caused further speculation.

"PATRIOTS' CRIME?"

It is believed in Nanking that if he has actually been assassinated, his assailant may have been some Chaoyi, disgusted with his association with the Japanese military leaders after his first indications of loyalty to China.—*Reuter*.

TWO WATCHMEN FINED.

CAUGHT ASLEEP ON DUTY.

Consequent on the prevalence of thefts from office buildings, the police to-day summoned two private watchmen for sleeping at their posts.

On the 15th of this month, it was disclosed, Detective Inspector K. W. Andrew made a surprise tour of inspection, the time selected for starting out being just on midnight. His first visit to the post outside Yee Sang Fat building resulted in the discovery of the Indian watchman, Wadhawa Singh, in a position, indicative, it was alleged, of profound slumber. Proceeding on his tour, the Inspector next came upon the Chinese watchman employed by Messrs. Komar and Komar, also lying asleep in a camp chair.

These two cases were brought to the notice of Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, when proceeding under section 6, Sub-section 7, of Ordinance No. 1, (Summary Offences) of 1845, Inspector Andrew summoned the men for sleeping at their posts.

In the case of Wadhawa Singh, the officer told the Magistrate that there could have been no excuse whatever, as accused "was wrapped up in a blanket and obviously making up his mind to go to sleep."

Inspector Andrew, replying to a declaration by the defendant that he was permitted by his master to lie down and go to sleep, stated that he had rung up the man's employer, informing him that he was going to take out a summons, and the latter told him to "go ahead."

His Worship recorded a conviction and fined the defendant \$25.

Mak Shik, Messrs. Komar & Komar's watchman, denied that he was asleep. He found it a chilly night and had merely wrapped himself up in a blanket.

In evidence, Inspector Andrew said that he had to rouse the defendant.

Defendant claimed that although he had his eyes closed, he was not really asleep.

After corroborative evidence was given by a Chinese detective accompanying Inspector Andrew, his Worship convicted the defendant and imposed a fine of \$20.

men in all walks of life, as well as women, and children, are invoked to save the money they usually spend in luxuries, this money to be collected and laid aside until needed.

It is expected that the appeal will result in a substantial response on the part of patriotic residents.—*Our Own Correspondent*.



General Ma Chan-shan, whose assassination has been reported to the Nanking Foreign Office.

GAOL FOR OFFICE THIEF.

HOW LAD ESCAPED DETECTION.

After a highly successful career during which his operations have extended to a number of business buildings in the city, a thief has been laid by the heels, being now revealed to be an ex-printer's apprentice.

When a man was seen issuing from Pedder Building on Tuesday morning, carrying a chiming clock under his arm, he was stopped by an office-assistant who recognised the clock as having been taken from the Rents Office of Mr. Ng Wah, the owner of Pedder Building.

The police to whom the culprit was handed over, taking up investigations from this point, accompanied the prisoner to an address at Elgin Street, where they recovered a number of pawn-tickets relating to other goods stolen in previous robberies. These were four pictures of oil tankers stolen from the A.P.C. offices, a mirror from an office in Pedder Building, a vase belonging to a broker of China Building, a pair of gloves, an overcoat, and a case containing a pen and pencil, the property of an assistant at the Japanese Consulate General in Prince's Building.

Detective Sergeant Fitches told Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy that the man was working in conjunction with a confederate, while a woman accomplice acted as disposer of the stolen goods at various pawnshops. "There has been an epidemic of larcenies from offices of foreign firms, and we think this man has been responsible for that," stated Sgt. Fitches.

The officer added that a favourite device employed by the prisoner was to carry about what appeared to be a chit book containing a few used cheques, the idea apparently being that, when questioned he could give the impression by showing the book that he was an office or messenger cooler.

His Worship sentenced the prisoner to one month's hard labour on each charge, making five months in all.

BALANCING THE BUDGET.

FIRST INDICATION OF FIGURES.

London, Feb. 24. The first of a series of Government Estimates for the next financial year, upon which the Budget is to be introduced in April will be based, was issued to-day.

The document covers the Civil Estimates and the Estimates for Revenue Departments, including pensions, education, insurance and other grants, and Exchequer contributions to local revenue.

They show a reduction on last year's estimates from £409,000,000 to £402,028,106. The actual reduction on the Civil Estimates exceeds nine million pounds, but an increase in estimated expenditure by revenue departments gives the reduction as above.

The principal reductions are on education £5,447,001, roads £1,250,000, and Post and Telegraphs £705,200.—*British Wireless*.

OVERSEAS AID FOR CHINA.

Air Force Highly Popular.

BRITISH EMPIRE INTEREST.

Johannesburg, Feb. 24. Chinese residents of South Africa are not lagging behind overseas Chinese in other parts of the world in their anxiety to assist their country in the war against Japan.

Illustrating the eagerness of the Chinese here to help China in her dispute, a number of Chinese consular officials approached the well-known pilot, Lieutenant Rodwell King, asking him to give a number of Chinese pupils a week's training to enable them to fight with the Chinese Air Force.

Week Insufficient.

Lieut. Rodwell King refused because he considered that a week would be insufficient.

It is stated that another local airman is leaving next week to serve with the Chinese Air Force, while Dr. Ho Tsang, formerly a Chinese Consul-General in South Africa, is on his way to China to offer his services in a military capacity.—*Reuter*.

The Canadian Offer.

Ottawa, Feb. 24. According to the Chinese Consul-General, the Chinese Government has cabled him stating that they are favourably interested in the offer of the "axed" members of the Canadian Air Force to join China in the campaign against the Japanese.

It is stated that further communications in this matter have been sent to Canada by mail.

Meanwhile, the Canadian airmen are meeting with the object of drafting detailed proposals and fitting out planes, though it is doubtful whether they will be permitted to leave the country.—*Reuter*.

THREATS TO THE SETTLEMENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Japanese bombardment of Shanghai during the night caused a tremendous conflagration which raged unchecked till daybreak. The Japanese have also aerially bombarded the Lunghua Railway Station on the Shanghai-Hangchow line, a few miles from Shanghai, and the platform was partly damaged.

THREATS TO THE SETTLEMENT.

INDICATION OF ATTACK BY CHINESE.

Shanghai, Feb. 25. It is feared that the Chinese may soon cease to observe the sanctity of the International Settlement.

Occasion for this fear is believed to lie in the latest warning addressed to the Consular Body by the Mayor, Mr. Wu Tien-chen, in which here affirms the grounds of his previous protests against the use by the Japanese of the Settlement as a base for their operations.

He objects strongly to the landing of regular troops there and the direction of hostilities from the Japanese Admiral's flagship, moored alongside the Japanese Consulate.

MAYOR'S WARNING.

The Mayor declares that: "As long as the Settlement authorities prove unable to effectively restrain the Japanese from using the Settlement as a base for their operations the Chinese Government cannot be held responsible for whatever consequences follow."

He concludes by requesting the Consular Body to advise their nationals to evacuate the locality of the war-zones and requests that their Naval Commanders be notified not to station their ships near the Japanese base of operations.—*Reuter*.

AMENDMENT TO TARIFF BILL.

BUT BRINGING NO RELIEF.

London, Feb. 24. Hemp has been removed from the free list under the Import Duties Bill.

An amendment to this effect was moved in the House of Commons by Mr. H. G. C. and passed by 217 votes to 71.—*Reuter*.

RADIO BROADCAST

EUROPEAN CHILDREN'S CONCERT FROM STUDIO.

By Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 855 metres (845 K.C.s). 5.00-5.05 p.m. European Programme.

5.00-5.40 p.m. A Concert.

Organ Solo—"Faust" (Gounod). Edward O'Henry. B2873. Song-Little Brown Owl (Sanderson). Mavis Bennett (Soprano). B2190. Piano Solo-Études, Op. 10 (Chopin) (No. 11 in E flat-No. 12 in C Minor). Piano Solo-Études, Op. 25 (Chopin) (No. 10 in A flat Major-No. 12 in C Minor). Wilhelm Bachaus. 6894. Song-I Know of Two Bright Eyes (Clutsam). Song-Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal (Quilter). Derek Oldham (Tenor). B2870. Organ Solo-Spirit of the Dance (Ewing).

Edward O'Henry. B3636. Song-Walt (D'Hardelot). John Turner (Tenor). B2205. Piano Solo-Études, Op. 10 (Chopin) (No. 10 in A flat Major-No. 9 in F Minor).

Piano Solo-Études, Op. 25 (Chopin) (No. 2 in F Minor-No. 11 in A Minor). Wilhelm Bachaus. 6895. 5.40-6.10 p.m. Children's Concert from the Studio. 6.10-7.00 p.m.

Symphony No. 5, "From the New World" (Dvorak Op. 95) Played by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski. M-1. 7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc. 7.03-7.44 p.m. Variety.

Humorous Dialogue-Getting a Motor. Humorous Dialogue-Getting a Wife. Constance Collier and Ronald Square. C1640. Orchestral-Honolulu Sweetheart of Mine.

Orchestral-Along Miami Shore. Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra. B2850. Humorous Dialogue-My Wireless Set. John Henry and "Blossom". B2150. Song-Just Keep! On.

Song-Mighty Lak a Rose. Paul Robeson (Bass). B3169. Organ Solo-Make Believe. Organ Solo-Who Do I Love You? B2862. Vocal Trio-There's a Room in my Heart. Walter Glynn, Sydney Coltham and George Baker.

Song-Peace of Mind. Gene Austin (Tenor). B3201. 7.44-8.00 p.m.

Sonata No. 1 (Dellus) Played by May Harrison and Arnold Bax (Violin and Pianoforte). C1740-C1760. 8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.33 p.m. Close Down. All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.

PIRATES SEIZE A JUNK.

EARLY MORNING OUTRAGE.

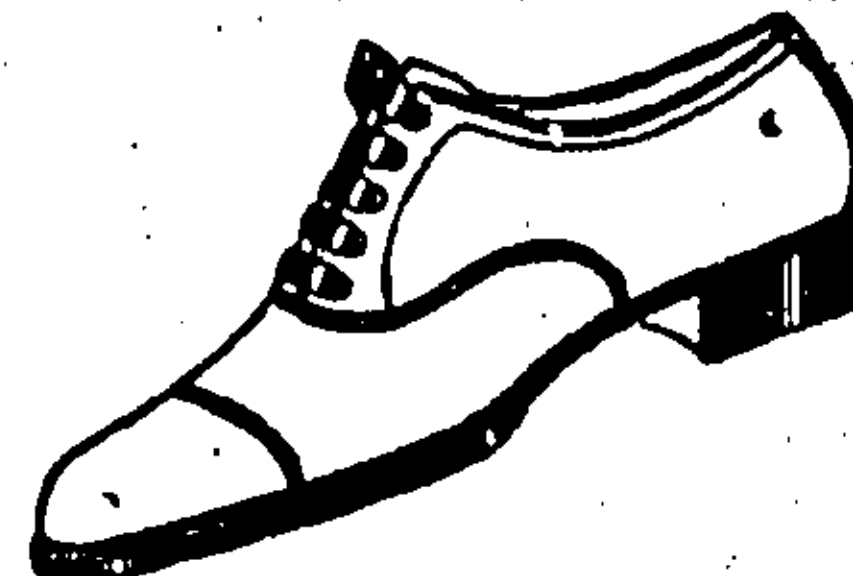
The seizure of a cargo junk off Lung Ku Tan on Tuesday was related to the police yesterday afternoon by a foki of the boat, who, together with two others, were the sole occupants.

Tang Po, the foki, who was on board the junk, owned by Tang Kwok-hang of San Wai Ha village, stated that he left Sha Kong, in the Ping Shan District on Monday with a cargo of 90 sacks of lime to the value of \$110, the destination being Ching Shan Keuk, Castle Peak. When off Lung Ku Tan, anchor was dropped just before midnight owing to the strong wind and rough seas.

About an hour after the boat had anchored, the foks were sitting at the stern of the boat smoking when they were suddenly surprised by the appearance of three men armed with revolvers. The foks were bound with rope and after the anchor had been weighed the unwelcome guests sailed the junk to San Chau Island, where it went alongside some rocks.

The crew of the junk were set free, and after they had scrambled ashore their boat was sailed away by the robbers, who also had their own overboard in tow.

Deprived of their junk, the three men made their way to a temple where they stayed for the night. The following day, a fishing boat called at San Chau Island and they were taken to Castle Peak, where they later came into Hongkong.



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LIVING UNDER WATER.

CHARLES ZIMMY GIVES DEMONSTRATION.

With but limited facilities at his disposal, Charles Zimmy, the legless genius, who is appearing at the King's Theatre in conjunction with the picture, "Ladies of the Big House," is not able to demonstrate to the full his aquatic abilities but what feats were shown by him in his small tank on the stage were sufficient to convince even the most dubious that his claims are not in any way exaggerated.

At the age of eight, Zimmy lost his legs in a tram accident in Chicago, but soon overcame the enormous disadvantage, and the way he has managed to get about without the assistance of his lower limbs is remarkable.

With swimming as his chief object in life, Zimmy has performed some outstanding feats and some of these he shows to the public at the King's Theatre. Using a small tank which forms part of his equipment, he shows how it is possible to eat, drink, smoke and stay under water. He has remained under water for a period of four minutes and 17 seconds, which he claims as a world record, and has smoked a cigarette for three minutes under water.

A short film before Zimmy's personal appearance on the stage shows how he propels himself in the water and how he dives. It is to be hoped that he will appear in one of the swimming baths in Hongkong, to give a better demonstration of his prowess in this direction.

Zimmy, who drives his own motor car and plays golf, is also an expert acrobat and a dancer. A dance of his own which he gives in his programme at the King's Theatre shows how agile he is even without his legs. For the next three days Zimmy is appearing at the King's Theatre, prior to sailing for Europe, where he intends to swim the English Channel, from Dover to France and back without stopping.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

H.K. HOCKEY CLUB "A" V. THE C.R.A.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" team at C.R.A. at King's Park on Friday, February 25, at 6.15 p.m.:—E. S. Moses, L. A. R. Duncan (Captain), L. F. Nicholson, F. W. Allen, E. G. S. Dale, K. H. Uttley, S. Hill, W. H. Smith, W. A. Nowers, J. L. Tetley, and G. F. Rees.

The following will represent the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club in a friendly match against St. Andrew's on the Diocesan Girls' School Ground at 6.15 p.m. to-day: M. Bird, E. M. Gray, J. Smalley, B. Franklin, A. Owen, H. Hynes, C. Ferguson, E. S. Laing, M. Smalley, P. M. Harrop, A. G. Orme and E. Blackburn.

Mamak Hockey. Mention should have been made during the beginning of the week in connection with the entries for the Mamak Hockey Competition that teams from H.M. Ships will be cordially welcomed in the tournament for next season and entries should be sent to the chairman of the Tournament, Mr. O. England White C/O Government Radio Office as soon as possible.

KOWLOON GOLF.

DRAW FOR HONG FOURSOMES COMPETITION.

The draw for the Hong Foursomes of the Kowloon Golf Club has been made and resulted as follows:—G. E. L. Johnson and W. Simpson (Public Works Department), bye. F. Bishop and Widdock (Naval Yard) v. H. Mundy and F. Edwards (Doddwell's). R. G. Craig and J. McKelvie (Kowloon Docks) v. Reed and

LOCAL CRICKET.

THE UNITED SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS.

Tall scoring was a feature of the match between the United Services and the Volunteers on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon, and which the Volunteers won by 8 wickets.

The Services were largely indebted to Lt. Musson for their total of 173 runs for eight wickets. Musson, after opening carefully, played vigorous cricket and was unfortunate to be caught when just 17 runs short of his century. McLellan did the most damage, capturing four wickets for 23 runs.

The Volunteers passed this total for the loss of two wickets. Beck and Mitchell were in irresistible form with the bat, and were particularly hard on all the bowlers. Mitchell was bowled when he had scored 86 runs, and Beck was undefeated with 70. He got a six off Capt. Burnett. Scores:

United Services.				
Lt.-Col. Skyrme, c McLellan, b Beck	19			
Whiteaway-Wilkinson, c F. S. W. Smith, b Beck	4			
Price, c L. B. Smith, b McLellan	8			
Lt. A. H. Musson, c L. B. Smith, b McLellan	83			
Lt. A. C. Hamilton, b McLellan	13			
Lt. Anstruther, b Beck	6			
Capt. Burnett, c Griffiths, b F. S. W. Smith	17			
Q. M. S. Sadd, b McLellan	5			
Lt. Villiers, not out	10			
Extras	10			
Total (for 8 wks. dec.)	173			

Stephens and Cate did not bat.

Bowling.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Beck	16	2	87	3
McLellan	10	3	23	4
F. Baker	3	—	24	—
F. S. W. Smith	5	1	14	1
L. B. Smith	2	—	15	—

Volunteers.

H. J. Armstrong, c Stephens, b Hamilton	2			
N. A. E. Mackay, b Hamilton	21			
E. J. R. Mitchell, b Hamilton	80			
A. C. Beck, not out	79			
Extras	9			
Total (for 3 wks.)	197			

L. B. Smith, F. S. W. Smith, D. McLellan, W. D. Foley, R. H. Griffiths, F. Baker and R. M. Wood did not bat.

The first eleven of the Kowloon Cricket Club against the Indian R.C. at Soukumpoo in a league match on Saturday will be composed of the following players: J. C. Loyal, F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, P. Zimmern, W. C. Hung, N. A. E. Mackay, G. C. Burnett, G. A. White, H. A. Gregory and R. G. V. Mead.

Junior Match.

For their Second Division match the Kowloon C.C. will be represented by the following players against the Indian R.C. at King's Park: H. Overy, G. Lee, F. S. W. Smith, F. E. Lawrence, F. E. Skinner, J. Hunter, A. R. F. Raven, O. B. Raven, H. Hampton, C. F. Wood and D. S. Green.

HOME FOOTBALL ERROR.

CORRECTED RESULTS IN NORTHERN SECTION.

Owing to a mis-reading of the cable, which indicated that the Halifax-Doncaster match on Saturday last was not played, whereas in reality it was, we have discovered that the mistake rendered incorrect, several of the scores in the Northern Section of the Third Division, which appeared on Monday.

The following are the corrected results:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Lincoln	27	10	2	0	75	31	40
Crowe	28	17	4	7	78	40	38
Gatehead	28	17	4	7	60	30	38
Southport	28	14	8	6	42	34	30
Tranmere	29	13	8	8	81	40	34
Barrow	28	16	1	11	58	35	35
Chester	27	12	8	7	49	42	32
Hull	27	14	4	9	69	38	32
York	29	13	6	11	40	54	31
Accrington	29	13	5	11	58	52	31
Darlington	27	13	4	10	49	40	30
Wrexham	28	12	6	10	44	40	30
Stockport	29	9	10	10	56	35	28
Hartlepool	28	10	5	13	49	70	25
Carlisle	27	7	10	10	47	53	24
Halifax	26	8	0	12	38	54	22
Walsall	28	10	2	16	33	60	22
Doncaster	28	9	3	16	37	57	21
Rotherham	28	6	4	18	34	56	16
New Brighton	29	8	7	19	18	67	13
Rochdale	28	4	2	22	32	65	10

The revised league table is as follows:

BEAU ATKING.

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slogan was "Wear British." Friend and foe alike swathed their legs—sometimes most fantastically—in puttees. Sam Browne belts girdled the officers of the nations. Tunics were unthinkable without the true Fimlico cut. Some armies even crouched gratefully in the shade of the "pudding-basin" tin hat.

Collars and ties are to come—they say. Our legs shall be duly gartered. Two things, we trust, may never return. The list of a soldier's "small kit" in 1792, included "one powder-bag and puff."

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1340 sa.
Chartered Banks, \$12 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$18 n.
East Asia, \$127½ n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1350 n.
Union Ins., \$410 a.
China Underwriters, \$4.02½ n.
China Fires, \$590 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1250 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$26 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$23 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) \$32 n.
Union Waterboats, \$25 n.

Mining.

Bengueats, \$11.75 n.
Kallans, 25/- n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.10 n.
Rauba, \$39 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$164½ n.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 a.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old), \$4.50 sa.
Hongkows, Tls. 220 n.
New Engineers Tls. 6½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90½ n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons Tls. 14½ n.
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 80½ n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 11½ n.
Landa, Hotels, etc.
H.K. Hotel (old) \$13 b.
H.K. S. Hotels (new) \$13 n.
H. K. Lands, \$76 n.
Shai Lands, Tls. 30 n.
Humphreys' (old) \$19½ n.
Realities, \$11.05 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$20 n.
Peak Trams, (old), \$15.60 n.
Star Ferries, \$94 n.
China Lights, \$21 a.
H. K. Electrics, \$75 n.
Macao Electrics, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$43 n.
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.
Singapore Traction, 3/- n.

Industrials.

Malbans, \$38 n.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (com.), \$16.85 n.
Ropes, \$16.40 n.

DUTCH VICTORY.

BRITISH BEATEN AT BRIDGE.

The international bridge match at the Grosvenor Hotel was completed with the Dutch superior over the English team and the German beaten by the British representatives.

The representatives of the various teams dined together as the guests of Crockford's Club. The results of the week's matches were:

Crockford's First Team v. Dutch. Crockford's won by 6,060.

Crockford's Second Team v. Dutch. Dutch won by 3,430.

Crockford's Third Team v. Dutch. Dutch won by 6,140.

In the three matches Holland thus gains the verdict by 3,510 points. 233 hands were played by the three teams.

In their contest with the German team Crockford's made a total of 11,255 points, leading the Germans at the close by 2,930 points. The result of the match with the Germans was:

Crockford's first team led by 5,580 points.

Crockford's second led by 3,545 points.

Crockford's third led by 2,930 points, an aggregate of 12,055.

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Sinceres \$16 n.
Powells, \$3.60 n.

Miscellaneous.

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Entertainments (old), \$10½ n.
Constructions (old), \$6.15 n.
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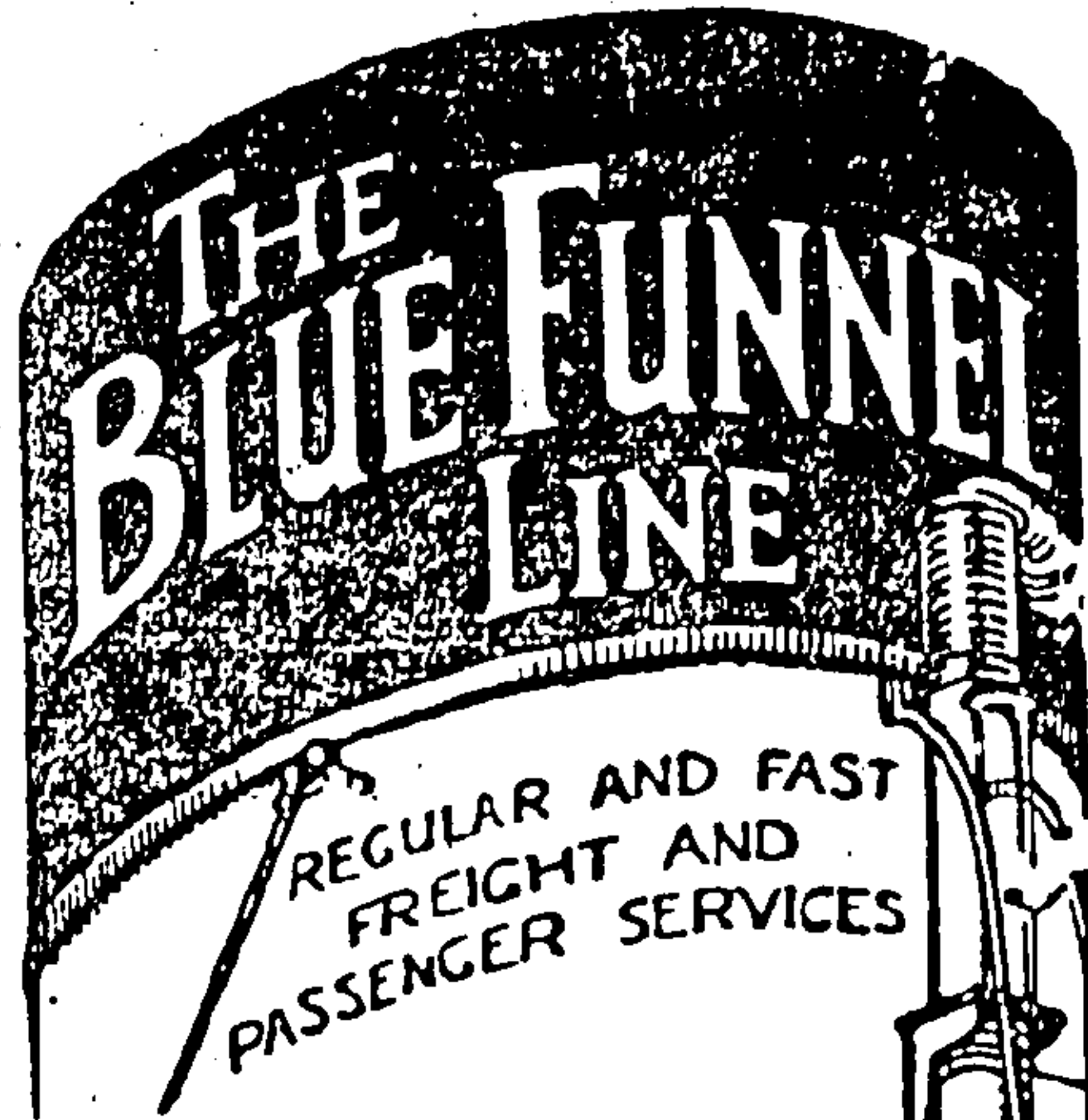
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NARROW ESCAPE OF RACE PONIES.

MATCHED QUARTERS IN FLAMES LAST NIGHT.

Considerable excitement was caused about 10.30 last night, when a fire broke out at the matched quarters in which were housed the race ponies belonging to Messrs. A. M. L. Soares and F. M. L. Soares, the owners of Flying Tourist, Night Patrol, Ghost Train and other prominent griffins and subscription griffins, some of which have done quite well during the annual race meeting this week.

The match was situated near the Lee Gardens.
As soon as the mafoos discovered the flames, they succeeded in releasing the ponies and getting them away to safety. The Fire Station sent out two engines which arrived a few minutes after the giving of the alarm, and had not much difficulty in extinguishing the flames.

Mr. Kitchin, of the Hongkong Jockey Club stables, was among the first to arrive on the scene, and he directed the work of getting all the other ponies at the adjacent stables to safety. As far as could be ascertained last night, none of the ponies appears to have been injured during the fire. Only one third of the matched stable has been damaged.

During the excitement the mafoos let loose some of the ponies, which ran into the street and it took some time to recapture them.
The cause of the fire is believed to have been a leakage of electricity through a short circuit.

DEFAULT ON LOANS.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Feb. 24.
In the House of Commons, the default on the Tientsin-Pukow and Hukang Railway Loans was raised at question time.

Capt. Eden replied that no suitable opportunity of pressing the best claims of British creditors against the Chinese Government was neglected.
He suggested that the present time was not an opportune one for another note.—*Reuter.*

SHIRE HORSES.

UNDIMINISHED INTEREST IN FAMOUS SHOW.

London, Feb. 24.
Since mechanical power has not destroyed general interest in heavy cart horses, the attendance at the shire horses show, which this year has entries well up to the average, are as large as ever.
The show, which has taken a keen interest in shire horses, breeds its own for exhibit.—*British Wireless.*

GOLD FALLS IN SEA.

£100,000 SINKS IN CHERBOURG HARBOUR.

Cherbourg, Feb. 24.
A total of £100,000 worth of gold fell into the sea here to-day, while a consignment from the liner Berengaria was being unloaded.
A chain broke, and six barrels filled with gold sank in the harbour, and must be recovered by a diver.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

SHANGHAI RELIEF.

CHINESE CHAMBER ASKS FOR CO-OPERATION.

Several letters from Chinese institutions in Shanghai, including the Cantonese Merchants' Club, appealing for financial assistance from the Hongkong merchants were read at the monthly meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, yesterday, by the Secretary, Mr. Lee Wen-lam.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, who presided, stressed the need for the provision of immediate relief for the large number of refugees in Shanghai and he urged the co-operation of the Chamber's members in making subscriptions to the Tung Wah Hospital fund.

Mr. Wong, however, expressed his regret over the firing of crackers by the Chinese on Tuesday, as the thousands of dollars his spent could have been employed for the better and more useful purpose of relieving the distress in Shanghai.

The meeting decided that the Chamber should make a contribution of \$2,000 to the Cantonese Club in Shanghai through the Tung Wah Hospital.

Refugees Arrive.

Another thousand Chinese refugees, chiefly women and children, arrived in Hongkong yesterday by the H. & S. steamers Sinking and Kiangchow.

The S.S. Kiangchow arrived earlier in the morning with 200 refugees. The S.S. Sinking, which came in later, brought about 350 Chinese passengers.

The two steamers left for Canton last night with practically all the passengers many of whom will join their relatives in Canton or apply to the Poon Pui Hospital in Canton, the leading Chinese charitable institution of Kwangtung, for lodging and food.

NEW JUDGE KNIGHTED

HONOUR FOR MR. HERBERT DU PARCQ.

London, Feb. 24.
H.M. the King has approved of a Knighthood for Mr. Herbert du Parcq, the newly-appointed Judge in the King's Bench Division, who recently conducted the enquiry into the Dartmoor prison disturbances.—*British Wireless.*

[Sir Herbert du Parcq, K.C., lately Recorder of Portsmouth, who is 51 years of age, is a native of Jersey, where he was educated, going later to Oxford. At the University he had a distinguished career, and was president of the Union in 1902. He was called to the Bar in 1905, and became president of the Hardwicke Society in 1910. In May of last year he acted as Commissioner at Manchester Assizes.]

HITLER A GERMAN.

THE SOLVING OF A COMIC PROBLEM.

Berlin, Feb. 24.
The rather comic problem of giving Herr Hitler German citizenship in order that he can become a Presidential candidate has been solved.

Hitler is to be made a Professor of Political Pedagogics at the Brunswick University and in order to meet the objections that the appointment is only "camouflage," Hitler will deliver an address at Brunswick to-day.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

THREE KINDS OF LOVE.

(Continued from Page 3.)

part forever right now. I'm going straight into the house. But I will add, Mr. DeArmont, that I don't think that is a very nice way to talk to a girl who is 18 years old, and you know how old I was, because I told you this afternoon in the drug store, and now I'll say goodbye."

He took her by the shoulders and held her, gently enough. "Leave me explain, hon," he said. "I didn't go to make you sorry. On the square I didn't—see? Wait a minute. Give me a break!"

"Funny little kid," mocked Mary-Frances. "Well, it may be yours, but it isn't my idea of a nice way to talk."

"Say listen, hon, I'm sorry, honest. I didn't mean anything like you think—see? I like you. On the square I do. I like you a lot better than I thought I was going to—see? I mean to say, you're fine—so, well different and innocent, seeming and all, you've kinda got me going in a way. See?"

"Different?" she questioned, with a note of hope.

"I'll tell the world you're different. Say, listen, hon, and I'm talking on the square to you now—see? No line or anything like that—see? I'm talking like a pal, straight out. You're as different from the run of girls as—see?—well, if you'll excuse me getting kind of flowery, you're as different as a little innocent violet from one of those big gaudy cabbage roses—see?"

"You are as different as a modest violet from a blustering cabbage rose." Perfect material for Ermintrude!

"How come, hon?" said Earl, and from where in the world he dragged all that word it was hard to tell. "I got to say, in justice to myself, Frankie, that I ain't altogether to blame for kind of getting off on the wrong foot, at the saving posts. Listen, hon, I'm a man of the world, myself—see?" (A man of the world! Mary-Frances breathed deeply over that.) "And—well, that's what I kind of am. A man of the world. Now, there's a lot of things you wouldn't understand. I know that now—see? But I wasn't sure of it before, and that's why I'm going to say something to you. I may not get thanked, but just the same I think the world and all of you—see? (The world and all of you—see?) My! Ermintrude, he said."

"And I'm going to tell you that you're taking chances when you make dates with strangers and all like that. Course, in my case, it was all right—see? Absolutely, I'm a good judge of character and all—see? But the next guy might be a bad egg or anything. It sure gets me proper, Frankie, a girl of your type and all taking such chances."

"Oh, but, Earl, I don't! I never did before. You are the very first one I ever did speak to or anything."

THE PREMIER.

GOING TO UNDISCLOSED HEALTH RESORT.

London, Feb. 24.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is recovering after his operation, but is leaving London on Wednesday for three weeks' rest at an unnamed south-west of England resort.
Sir John Simon has left for Geneva to attend the Disarmament Conference.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

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SHIPS' PIRACY
GUARDS.SHIPPING COMPANY'S
ACTION AT HOME.

The right of the Crown to demand payment for the services of troops used for the protection of British shipping against piracy in Chinese waters was discussed in the Court of Appeal, at Hong Kong, before Lord Justice Scrutton, Lawrence, and Slesser, last month as already cabled. The China Navigation Co., Ltd., appeared from a decision of Mr. Justice Rowntree in the King's Bench Division, dismissing an action which they brought against the Attorney-General claiming declarations that they were under no obligation to pay for such services.

Sir Leslie Scott, K.C., and Mr. Valentine Holmes appeared for the China Navigation Co.; and the Attorney-General (Sir W. Jowitt, K.C.), the Solicitor-General (Sir T. Inskip, K.C.), Mr. W. Lewis, and Mr. S. O. Horn Collins, appeared for the Treasury Solicitor.

Sir Leslie Scott said piracy had always more or less existed in Chinese waters, but since the war it had become a very serious menace. On the high sea and along the Chinese coast it took the form of internal piracy. Pirates came on board as passengers, and at a suitable opportunity suddenly attacked and overpowered the officers, ran the ship into a pirate lair, and looted it. People were also taken prisoner and held to ransom. Many ships had been pirated, and there had been great loss of life and property.

Successful Methods. Various methods had been adopted to deal with the menace, and finally naval or military guards were put on board British vessels. This had been completely successful in preventing piracy. At first the shipowners were required to pay the meeting expenses of the guards put on board their ships, and to this they did not object, but since the spring of 1930 they had been compelled to pay the whole of the expenses of the guards as used.

The shipowners' contention was that this expense was covered by the House of Commons votes, to which they contributed as taxpayers, and there was no power, statutory or otherwise, which entitled the Crown, in its executive capacity, to require payment for that service.

Lord Justice Scrutton said that without guards, or must they take them?

Sir Leslie Scott. They can do it. Lord Justice Scrutton. Why don't they do it?

Sir Leslie Scott. Because it is not safe.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—That is their lookout, is it not?

Sir Leslie Scott.—Yes. He admitted that if the Crown refused to put guards in the ships the shipowners would have no remedy.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—How many ships are there engaged in this trade?

The Attorney-General.—About 200 passenger ships.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—How many men were required per ship?

Sir Leslie Scott.—Depending on the size of the ship, from an N. C. O. and six men to an N. C. O. and 12 men.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—That is, taking an average, about 2,000 men would be required from the Army in the Chinese Command.

Sir Leslie Scott.—That is not a matter for this Court.

Under Master's Orders.

Counsel read a specimen of the standing orders for guards in the ships, which provided: "You will come under the orders of the master of the ship."

Lord Justice Scrutton.—That is putting his Majesty's forces under the command of a private citizen. It is rather an odd proceeding.

Sir Leslie Scott.—It is a War Office order.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—You are really asking the Government to protect you against your own passengers, whom you carry for profit.

Sir Leslie Scott.—I cannot dispute that proposition.

Lord Justice Lawrence.—If you decline to carry Chinese passengers there would be no danger of internal piracy?

Sir Leslie Scott.—I admit these things definitely.

Lord Justice Slesser.—But you may it was in their discretion, and if they decided to assist you they can't charge.

Sir Leslie Scott.—Precisely.

Burden on the Crown.

Sir Leslie Scott, in further argument, said that both he and Mr. Holmes had searched to find if the Crown had any statutory authority to demand payment for protection given by the armed forces, and they had been unable to find any.

The burden in law and fact lay with the Crown to show the existence of such power, and they could not do it, he submitted, unless they could point to statute or a judicial decision recognising the existence of such power.

Lord Justice Scrutton said he had reason to believe that in India, in some cases where English troops were called out to help the civil power, a claim was made on the municipality for payment, and was met. But there was no evidence of that, and the court could not act on it, though he had been told of an actual case.

Sir Leslie Scott.—That may be merely an evidence of the humility of the municipality.

Lord Justice Scrutton.—I have not noticed any evidence of humility in Indian municipalities.

Sir Leslie Scott contended that a contract by a subject to pay the Crown for armed forces for protection was a legal impossibility.

Case for Crown.

The Solicitor-General, arguing the case for the Crown, contended that the question of the extent of the duty of the Crown to afford protection was not a matter which could be considered by the court. History showed that there was a long established practice to make charges for forces used for protection, and the statute confirmed the impression that such practice was lawful.

There was, he submitted, nothing to prevent the King from disposing of or employing his forces how and where he liked, and to receive payment for services rendered to what extent he saw fit.

Subject to the control which was exercised by Parliament, the King had absolute discretion and command of the army, which included power to dispose of men or stores as he might direct. The Army and the Admiralty had by long practice sold surplus stores, including obsolete ships. There was no direct statutory authority to do that, but there was plenty of statutory recognition of the legality of the practice.

What applied to stores, he contended, applied also to men. Parliamentary control was still retained because all receipts had to be brought into account, and were audited by the Auditor. It would be a subject to the audit of the whole management and control of the army if the court were to come to the conclusion that it was illegal to receive payment for the use of the armed forces of the Crown.

The Solicitor-General, continuing his argument for the Crown, said that for a great many years payment had been received by the Crown for the services of its troops. There was, he submitted, nothing in the Army Act diminishing the power of the Crown in that respect and with regard to the disposal of the army.

Lord Justice Lawrence, if the military were asked to come to the aid of the civil authorities do you say they could say, "Yes, we will come, but you must pay us." Suppose, say, in a situation, do you say that the military authorities could say that?

The Solicitor-General. As a matter of constitutional principle I should say "No." It is a matter which would be discussed in Parliament.

The Labour Battalions.

The Solicitor-General added that during the war the War Office raised battalions of dock labourers and transport workers, who were regularly enlisted and paid by the War Office. The War Office charged the shipping and transport companies ordinary trade rates for the services of these men.

Sir Leslie Scott said there was no evidence about this.

The Solicitor-General replied that it was a matter of history.

After a consultation, Lord Justice Scrutton said the Court thought it was important to know past practice with regard to payments received for naval and military services.

The case must be adjourned for this to be ascertained, and he suggested that the Crown should furnish a statement of what an official of the War Office could prove.

The Attorney-General said he would get the War Office and the Admiralty to make exhaustive researches and communicate the result to the other side.

Sir Leslie Scott said his own investigations led him to think that the field of inquiry was very wide. He hoped his clients would be given facilities for making inquiries.

The Attorney-General said he could not give any undertaking, but he had no doubt the authorities would be prepared to afford reasonable and proper facilities.

Lord Justice Scrutton said the case would be adjourned to carry out the inquiries which had been indicated.

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H.M.S. Cumberland left yesterday morning to carry out exercises at sea.

The warship's departure has given rise to rumours here to the effect that it has left for Shanghai to assist in the evacuation of all British subjects. Enquiries at naval headquarters last night, however, elicited the information that everything is normal, and with the exception of one destroyer, no warship is under orders or on short leave. It is always the usual practice to keep one destroyer in readiness to proceed immediately against pirates.

H.M.S. Cumberland will not return to port for another seven days.

Common Statement.

London, Feb. 24.

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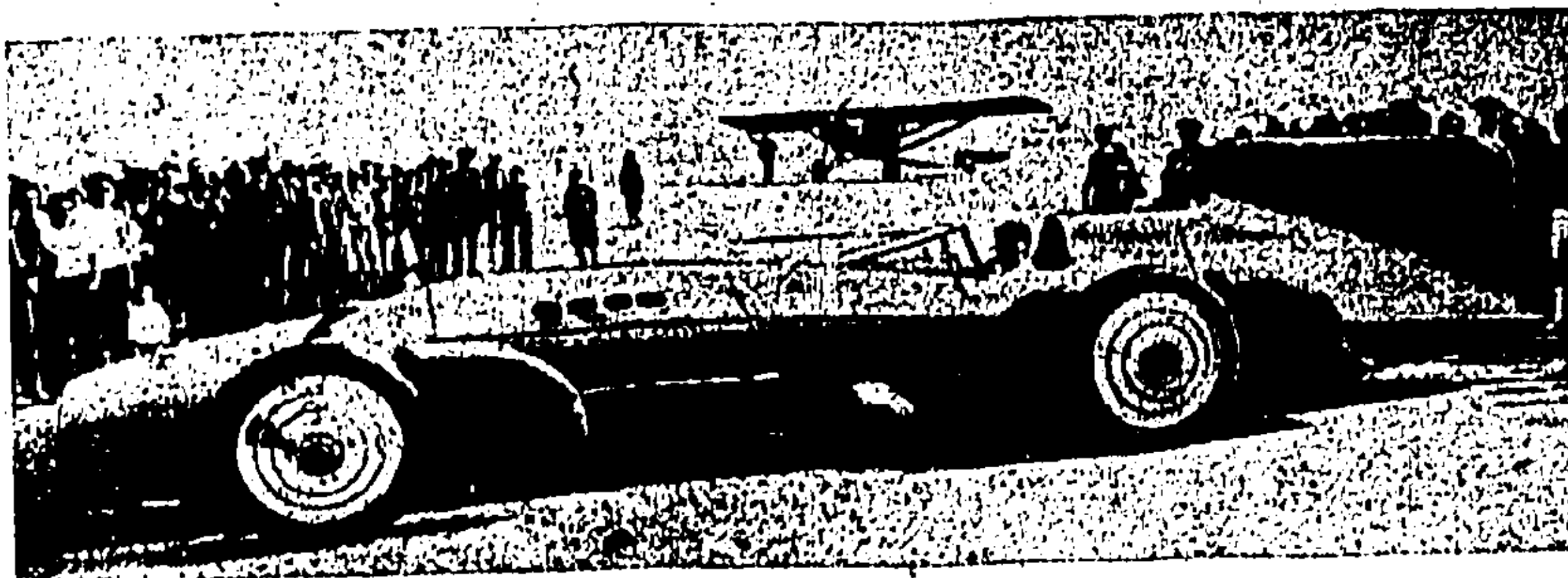
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253.968 M.P.H.

Daytona, Feb. 24.
Sir Malcolm Campbell, the world-famous motor speed record holder, surpassed his previous best on the beach at Daytona, Florida, to-day, when his Bluebird II, slightly modified since her feat of last year, averaged 253.968 miles an hour, for the flying mile.

Few aero-planes are capable of competing successfully with Sir Malcolm Campbell's wonder-car. The record for land-machines, as distinct from sea-planes, is less than 300 miles an hour.

He improved the previous performance of the Bluebird II to

day by over seven miles an hour, a remarkable performance bearing in mind the enormous additional power required for increasing even by even a mile an hour at such speeds.

His previous record, set on February 5 last year was 244.154 m.p.h. After this historic achievement, which earned him his knighthood, Sir Malcolm declared his certainty that the Bluebird could do even better.

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TWO OTHER RECORDS

Later.
Sir Malcolm Campbell broke two other world land speed records, in addition to that for the flying mile.

He set a record for the kilometer distance of 251.310 miles an hour, over five miles a minute, and he raised the record for the five kilometer distance to 241.669 miles an hour.

At the commencement of his dash at these terrific speeds, Sir Malcolm had to guide his car between the pillars of the pier.

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267 M.P.H.

Later.
The finally prepared figures regarding the record breaking attempt of Bluebird II to-day, shows that Sir Malcolm Campbell's first run was completed at a speed of 267.459 miles an hour.

The run in the opposite direction was more than 20 m.p.h. slower, namely 241.773 miles an hour, giving him an average, for the purpose of the new record, of 253.968 miles an hour.

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SOVIET PLAN OF DISARMAMENT.

TO BE VOTED UPON
TO-DAY.

London, Feb. 24.
The chief British delegate, Sir John Simon, at the General Conference of the Disarmament Commission at Geneva this afternoon, urged that the draft Convention prepared after five years' work by the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, be used as the framework for discussions. The proposal was supported by the representatives of France, America, Germany and Italy. The Soviet delegate asked the Commission first to vote on the proposals for complete disarmament. This vote will be taken to-morrow.—British Wireless.

PREMIER LEAVES
FOR SOUTH.

TO RECUPERATE AFTER
OPERATION.

London, Feb. 24.
The Prime Minister, accompanied by his daughter Isabel, left London by car to-day for the South West England, where he will have a short holiday to recuperate after the recent operation to his left eye.—British Wireless.

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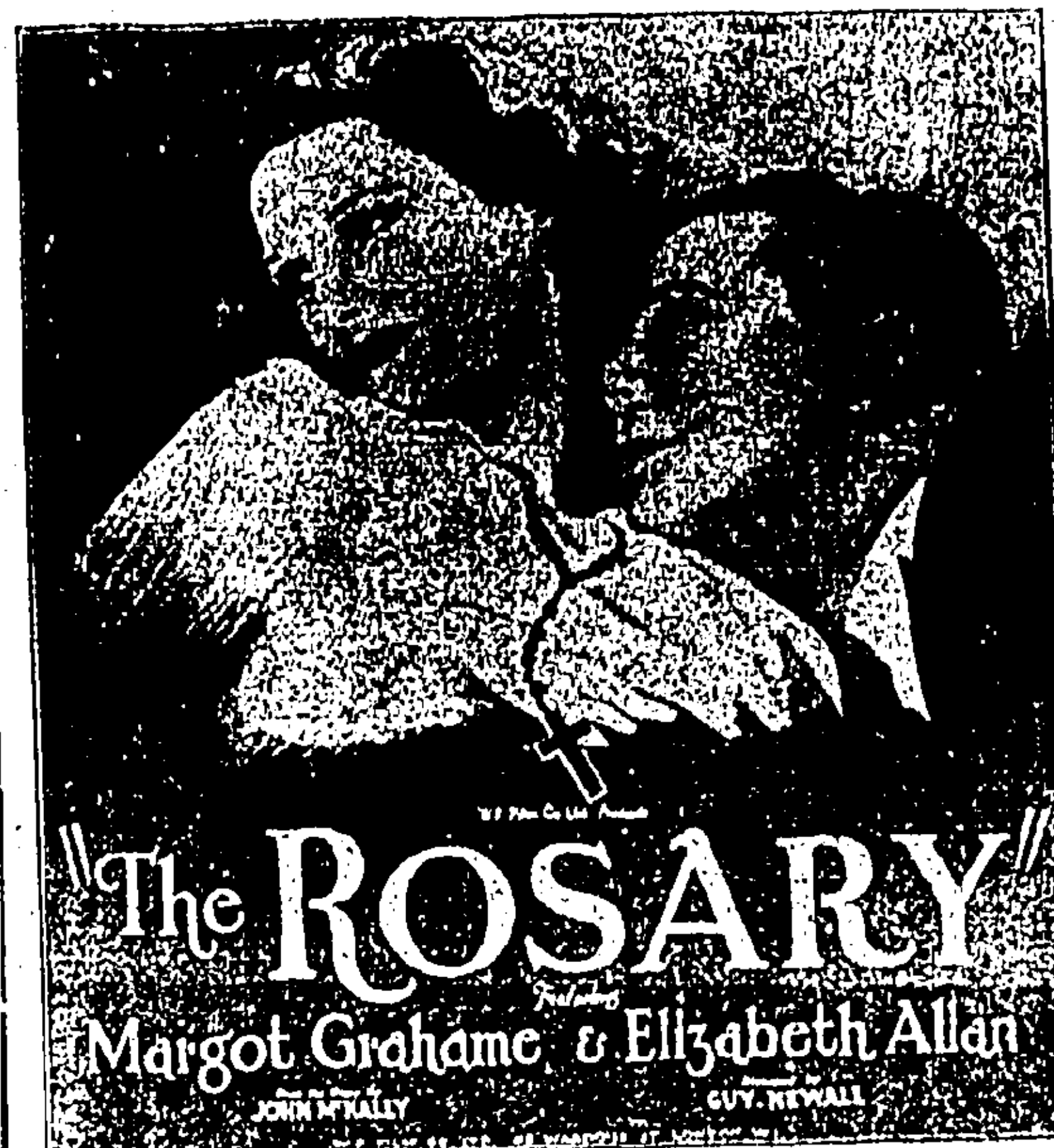
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Northcliffe Newspapers, Ltd., will take over the copyright and goodwill of the *Bristol Evening Times* and *Echo*, which will be incorporated in the *Bristol Evening World*.

Northcliffe Newspapers, Ltd., will also take over the copyright and goodwill of the *Dorset Daily Express*, which will be incorporated in the *Dorset Daily Telegraph*.

Arising out of these arrangements the *Bristol Times and Mirror* will be incorporated in the *Western Daily Press*, which will be owned, as now, by Walter Rold and Son, Ltd., Bristol.

These changes have been rendered inevitable by the high and increasing cost of production, it is stated.